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Future uncertain for window company staff

Up to 50 could lose jobs as Larkin Ltd goes into liquidation

By Trevor Bevins

MORE than a hundred customers waiting for work to be completed by Weymouth-based Larkin Windows Ltd are looking for other contractors after the company went into liquidation.

Staff who work at the company HQ in Jubilee Close, near the town's railway station, were told on Monday morning to clear their desks.

It is thought that up to 50 sales, admin' and fitting staff could be affected by the closure.

The company website on Monday said that the company had gone into voluntary liquidation – which means that unless a new buyer can be found, the assets will be sold and, if any money is left over, customers may get a share of what remains.

Staff from the company said they had been given no warning, and only found out when they received a letter on arrival at work.

One employee told the BBC that staff had been left "in limbo" with "no money for Christmas".

Dozens of local contractors are said to be owed money by the company – firms which carry out jobs such as groundworks, scaffolding, bricklaying, electricals and plumbing.

Like many customers, one couple, Malcolm and Jo Holbrook from Cosmore, near Dorchester, already had work underway. A local contractor had built a retaining wall, laid a base and completed brickwork for a conservatory they hoped to have ready for a Christmas gathering of a dozen family members. The couple have yet to pay anything but had signed a contract and do not know where they stand about the bill or how the work will be completed.

"I just feel sorry for everyone involved, but it doesn't help us. We have a huge family gathering planned," said Mrs Holbrook.

"We were hoping the conservatory would be finished. Now we will just have to squeeze in," adding that she felt "devastated" for staff at Larkin and others owed money by the company.

The couple knew nothing about the voluntary liquidation until was mentioned on the news.

"How we stand financially we just don't know. It's going to be a day of phone calls," said Mr Holbrook on Tuesday morning.

The company was founded by Alf and Mary Larkin in 1992 and was

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ORIGINALLY from Greenwich, London, chef Keian Gillett moved to Lyme Regis six years ago to take part in a course at the internationally-renowned Boat Building Academy.
He opened his own cafe, The Galley Cafe, in Broad Street last summer.

■ LYME Regis chef Keian Gillett, pictured second from right with staff at The Galley Cafe when it opened last year

● WHY did you want to become a chef?
I wanted to be a chef for as long as I can remember, it is all I ever wanted to be. I used to skip school and bake cakes!

● WHERE did you train to cook?
I trained at North West Kent catering college. I eventually left college to get a job in London starting as the dishwasher for Reuters in Fleet Street.

● TELL us little about your career as a chef?
I have worked in lots of places. I ran the kitchen of an Italian pizza/pasta place in Brisbane for two years, a fish and oyster restaurant in the Bay of Islands, New Zealand, and more recently at the Watergate Bay Hotel in Cornwall.

● WHAT made you decide to open The Galley Cafe?
I've always wanted to own my own business. When the opportunity came up in Lyme Regis I didn't think twice!

● IT'S been a hit with local residents and visitors and won rave reviews online - what do you think makes it so popular?
I like to think it comes down to making people feel at home. The Galley is my second home and we try as much as possible to get that across. I make time to talk to customers, as do the guys out front, who I might add are all amazing. I have been lucky to find such lovely people to work with.

● YOU'VE held some successful music and poetry nights - any plans for more special events?
Maybe... you will have to wait and see!

● ANY plans to develop the business in the future?
We have some exciting plans in the pipeline. We are changing a few thing cosmetically in February. It is going to look lovely. I might try a few more evening events next summer and take it from there.

● WHAT'S your favourite thing to cook?
Seafood. I also love to bake!

60 SECOND INTERVIEW

● WHAT do you enjoy doing when you're not working?
I surf as much as I can, play guitar and I love to socialise. I also cannot live without music.

● WHAT do you like about living in Lyme Regis?
If I were to list everything I love about Lyme Regis we would be here all day! I love the people here and the sense of community. Also the town is beautiful all year round, especially at Christmas.

● WHAT do you think the town is missing?
A real specialist seafood restaurant. We have access to some amazing local seafood fresh from the the boat, we should use it!

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Chalet fire may have been deliberate

POLICE say that a fire which damaged one Weymouth seafront beach hut and damaged seven others could have been started deliberately.

They have appealed for witnesses to the incident, which was discovered in the Greenhill Gardens, just before 5.30am on Wednesday, December 9th, to come forward.

One chalet is completely burnt down and seven have fire or smoke damages as a result of the blaze.

Police Constable Nikki Grant-Jones, of Weymouth police, said: "We are making enquiries to determine exactly how the fire started and are not ruling out that it could have been started deliberately.

"I would urge anyone who saw anything suspicious in the area at the time or overnight to please contact us in strict confidence.

By Trevor Bevins

"These buildings were listed and it's upsetting for the community that this incident has occurred."

By the following day two of the most badly damaged huts had been removed from the site.

Witnesses and anyone with information should call Dorset Police in confidence on 101 quoting incident number9:40. Alternatively, call the free and anonymous Crimestoppers line on 0800 555 111 where mobile phone tariffs may apply.

DAMAGE to the Greenhill chalets following fire

Islanders to have say on new development

PORTLAND residents are being asked to have their say on the Castle Court development, opposite Portland Castle.

Developer ZeroC has already held a public session about the second phase of a residential development, which follows on from the first phase at Officers Field.

The site includes the former Royal Navy canteen building and overall, will be made up of 70 units – 23 of which will be apartments within the canteen building. The rest will be two and three bedroom new build homes. The total cost of the development could amount to £12million.

The development at Officers Field won an award last year for its architectural design.

The development of the area was originally started by Sutton Harbour and included affordable homes, a supermarket and some industrial buildings, but these were dropped to make the project more profitable and more attractive to investors. The company pulled out of the project in 2008.

Uncertainty for staff as window company goes into liquidation

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sold to the Christchurch-based company, Apple, just over ten years ago, but had continued to trade as a separate business.

Staff had, typically, handed in time sheets of between £1,000 and £1,500 shortly before the closure. None had any idea of the problems until they arrived at work to be given their notices on Monday morning. Order books were said to be full until February.

"We were told to clear the vans out, hand in the keys and go…to do it right on Christmas is even worse," said one staff member, "there are people owed thousands of pounds."

Mobiles and iPads were taken away and staff given a short time to clear out their desks and lockers.

Employees will have first call on any assets from the company and a Government scheme will pay wages owing in addition to any holiday pay. For those who have been employed for two years or more they will also be entitled to redundancy pay.

A spokesman for the liquidators Ashton Business Recovery, David Meaney, said that the Apple group was split into a number of different companies, each trading separately, and as such was a separate entity.

The full extent of the situation for creditors will be explained at a meeting in Ringwood next week. Those who are creditors have been sent letters which explains what they need to do.

Customers have been asked by the firm to contact a variety of bodies and companies, including the Double Glazing and Conservatory Ombudsman Scheme: https://www.dgcos.org.uk or 0345 053 8975.

Ashtons Business Recovery and Insolvency Practitioners, who have been appointed to administer the liquidation process can be contacted at - ashtonsrecovery.co.uk/index.html or 01202 974093.

Mixed news for the borough's economy includes the demolition of the Colwell Shopping Centre – but more jobs at Premier Inn and Domino's Pizzas.

Job losses are likely to be on the way with news that Weymouth's Colwell Shopping Centre will be pulled down to make way for flats and two new shops.

The School Street site will be developed with 23 single-bed flats by developers, 10Ant Group.

Detailed plans have yet to be agreed although the borough planning committee has agreed to outline permission for the change.

When it opened 30 years ago the Colwell was the town's first indoor shopping centre but in recent years its units have been occupied by a series of small traders, many of which have been vacant for some time.

Early plans show the flats around a courtyard with a tunnel-like entrance, flanked by a shop either side, and just seven parking spaces.

Committee members, approving the scheme, said the centre had been a 'white elephant' for many years and the flats would offer much-needed accommodation for single people.

PREMIER Inn has put in an application for a three-storey extension to its Weymouth Gateway Business Park site, near the New Look headquarters. If approved it would add 27 bedrooms and would need around six new staff.

Domino's have won planning permission to convert a former convenience store in Portland Road, Wyke Regis, which will create up to 35 full and part-time jobs when it opens in 2016 – allowing deliveries to Portland which it is currently unable to do from its existing Weymouth town centre premises.

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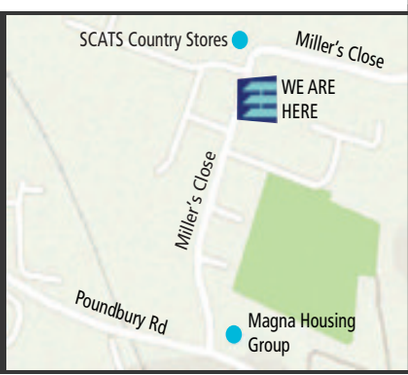

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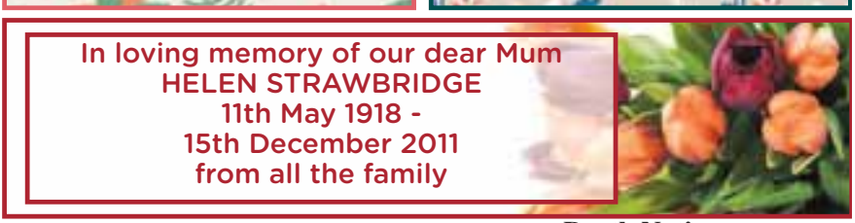

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IT'S OFFICIAL - WDDC referendum to go ahead

ELECTORAL Services at West Dorset District Council have confirmed that the Public First group's petition – aimed at reverting the council from a 'cabinet' to a 'committee' system of governance – has been validated.

A total of 4,069 valid signatures was required under the rules of the 2011 Localism Act for WDDC to instigate the referendum, but Public First collected more than 6,000 signatures in total.

Petition manager John Grantham said: "We're delighted, and are very grateful to all who have so keenly supported this campaign.

"We are also grateful to the Electoral Services team for completion prior to Christmas. When the referendum comes – possibly, we understand, on May 5th to coincide with the Police Commissioner's election – people of all parties and political persuasions will have the opportunity to vote for a more democratic 'committee' system of governance.

"We believe West Dorset is second only to Fylde Borough Council in achieving a referendum – which they won – under the Localism Act to revert to a 'committee' system.

"Though in Canterbury, as the city council saw a public petition making strong headway, their council decided voluntarily to convert back to the 'committee' system and avoided the cost to the community of running a referendum.

"The fact that at both our main public meetings 99 per cent – a total of over 500 people – voted by raising arms in favour of the 'committee' over the 'cabinet' system, and that in our travels in obtaining over 6,000 signatures we remember only a total of 38 people stating they definitely preferred the 'cabinet' system, gives us confidence.

"But we'll campaign throughout West Dorset over the coming four months, examining the strengths of the 'committee' over the 'cabinet' system in the West Dorset context.

"It's not about party politics. It's about a fairer, more democratic, more proportionate and open system of governance being re-introduced, and one that uses better the skills of all the councillors elected into council."

MEMBERS of the Public First campaign group celebrate the news West Dorset District Council will hold a referendum on their system of governance next year

Festive tour for morris men

WESSEX Morris Men will bring their traditional dance and mumming plays to Dorchester this weekend.

On Saturday, December 19th, they will be at The Pump in South Street at 1:30pm before dancing around the town, collecting for the Weldmar Hospice.

On Monday 21st the group will present their Christmas Party party evening full of dancing, a mumming play with a host of colourful characters, music, singing and jollity at the Giant Inn, Cerne Abbas from 8pm.

On Boxing Day, Saturday, December 26, they return to the Giant Inn, Cerne Abbas, at noon to dance and again perform the mumming play, which features characters as a Turkish Knight, King George and even Father Christmas.

Wessex MorrisMen are currently recruiting dancers. If you would like to find out more, visit their website http://www.wessexmorris men.co.uk/

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HANDS OFF OUR HOSPITAL

By Trevor Bevins

CAMPAIGNERS against cuts to Dorchester's hospital have again marched to save services.

Around 2,000 made it plain that they want the County Hospital to stay exactly as it is – with nothing moving to the east of the county.

Saturday's rally was attended by protestors from Dorchester, Weymouth and wider West Dorset.

The Clinical Commissioning Group, which will decide the shape of future services, is insisting that nothing has been agreed and say at a full and open public consultation process on any changes will start in the New Year.

Dorchester councillor Alistair Chisholm told the crowd: "We can afford it – it's just a question of political will."

West Dorset MP, Oliver Letwin, who was not at the rally, has been told by the CCG there would be no financial saving if services for children were to move to Bournemouth or Poole.

Bridport councillor Ros Kayes also spoke at the rally, telling the audience: "We're here because we care about our kids…because we want high quality care for them close to home - not an hour away in Poole or, if you live in Lyme Regis, two hours away: Not a down-graded unit which can't attract the best staff and which, if hours are cut, and overnight beds lost, will see gradual depletion year on year as cut after cut faces the NHS.

"That's why we want commitment now from CCG to keep this facility here and for 24 hours a day…and were not going to give up until they make that promise."

One of the protest organisers, Naomi Patterson, whose son George is a regular user of the Kingfisher Children's Ward, said she was amazed that the Saturday turn-out had matched the protest earlier in the year.

MARCHERS in South Street

"It just goes to show the massive support there is for keeping services in the West of the county.

"We have a great community here and we pull together when something happens. We will not let the CCG take these services away from us."

Many of the banners at the protest told the story of how important it was to have local facilities.

Michelle Hubble from Broadmayne came along with her children to tell how her son, Christopher, had been admitted at six months old with kidney problems, and now a year old was still a patient.

"We need to save the Kingfisher Ward and the Special Care Baby Unit. If I had to travel to Bournemouth or Poole it would have been almost impossible. We need to keep these services locally."

Lou Sams from Zumba Heat in Weymouth travelled over the Ridgeway with ladies from her group to join in the protest march and also to warm up the crowd by encouraging them to join in an exercise session: "It's ridiculous to suggest moving anything to the East of the county. We need local services. We're here to support that."

A previous copy of View from Dorchester with a headline warning of cuts to services was used by a group of actors to illustrate the danger of reductions in services.

Christmas shoppers stopped to applaud and some joined in the march as it travelled from the Top o' Town car park, down High West Street to South Street, taking up the entire length of the road.

+ A public exhibition which will outline the possible alternatives for local services will be held at Dorchester Library on Wednesday, February 24th from 11am until 1pm and then from 2-4pm in the Tudor Arcade.

Four arrested following fight

DETECTIVES in Weymouth are appealing for witnesses and anyone with information to come forward after an alleged altercation in the town – with four men being arrested.

The incident took place between 5am and 6am on Saturday, December 12th in the Gloucester Mews area.

It was reported that two groups of men were involved and that it may be linked to another alleged altercation outside of the Boom Box night club on the Esplanade around the same time

Two local men sustained injuries, one to his ear and the other to his neck, as a result of the incident and were taken to Dorset County Hospital for treatment.

Police attended the scene of the incident and are now making enquiries to try and establish exactly what happened.

Detective Constable Tony O'Connell, of Weymouth CID, said: "I would like to speak to anyone who may have witnessed the incident or has information relevant to it.

"I would urge these people to come forward and contact me, in confidence, on 101."

A 29-year-old man, 22-year-old man and a 20-year-old man – all from Portland – and a 30-year-old Weymouth man have been arrested on suspicion of affray and released on bail, pending further enquiries, until the beginning of February 2016.

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I'm dreaming of a Wyke Christmas

By Trevor Bevins
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NORMALLY busy streets at Wyke Regis were closed to traffic on Sunday – but full with people as the annual Wyke Christmas event took place.

The event, now in its seventh year, is expected to raise in excess of £1,000 for the Memorial Hall with donations also being made to community organisations.

Sunday's event included a range of stalls and attractions – both inside the hall, in the Square and in adjoining streets – attracting around 2,000 people over the course of the afternoon.

Popular attractions included a display of photographs of the area in days gone by, organised by the Wyke Regis Protection Society; music from the Wyke Ukedelics, a seafood stall, Weymouth cider and, for the first time, a hog roast.

For youngsters there was plenty of fun and games at the stalls as well as a bouncy castle and roundabout and a 'fishing for ducks' game. Characters from 'Frozen' brought along by the Weymouth Carnival committee also attracted a young audience, many keep to have their photographs taken.

"It was well supported, as always," said one of the organising committee, Georgina Skipper, "We get a lot of help and support from local businesses who are very generous with their time and expertise."

The event started when it was discovered that the Memorial Hall needed extensive repairs and renovations and that the building was not the responsibility of the church, as many had thought. A committee of friends and volunteers was set up by Wyke councillor Kay Wheller, meeting several times a year.

"We are quite a small group and we could now really do with some new volunteers to help us along," said Georgina, "We don't have lots of meetings and we do try and do what we can by email." She can be contacted on 01305 761993 for more information.

The event usually brings in about £1,500, but roughly a third of this will go on items such as Public Liability insurance and road closure orders, leaving in excess of £1,000.

The current priority for the hall is re-pointing the brickwork.

LOCAL schoolchildren sang carols and a ukelele group entertained

ARIEL makes a guest appearance

STALLS were selling seasonal goods

NEWS in brief . . .

BREWERY Square in Dorchester is holding a mince pie and music day this Saturday, December 19th, and will have a special visit from Santa Claus on Christmas Eve.

The Square's skating rink also remains in operation.

SEVERAL cars parked in the Puddletown Forest area have been targeted by thieves, according to local police.

Walkers and bike riders who use the area have returned to their vehicles to find valuables missing.

Police say there has been other incidents in the past at similar beauty spots in and around Dorchester and surrounding villages.

Their advice is to never leave anything on display, hidden, or in the boot.

BUSES will replace trains on the line between Dorchester and Weymouth between December 14th and 17th.

The line will be closed over the four days while engineers replace sections of the track.

CAROLS in the Borough Gardens takes place this Thursday, December 17th at 6.30pm in the Dorchester town centre park.

Leading the singing will be Encore Singers, with music from Durnovaria Silver Band. Santa will also be putting in an appearance at the event.

Apple mull and hot chocolate and free glow-sticks will be available from the Friends of the Borough Gardens who are organising the event, which is sponsored by Dorchester Town Council.

THE Poundbury Wineknows wine tasting group is holding its Christmas Dinner on Friday, December 18th at 7pm in the Brownsword Hall. The dinner will be four courses – starter, main course, cheese and dessert, coffee/tea and mince pies with a champagne welcoming drink, red and white wine with the meal and port or dessert wine.

Contact for the group is Brian White on 01305 756110.

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THINK It's not worth the risk... DON'T DRINK AND DRIVE

The festive season is now upon us and with it comes work nights out and an opportunity to catch up with friends and family. But for all too many, it's tempting to ruin the celebrations by driving home after a couple of drinks.

IN THE last 50 years road casualties caused by drink driving have fallen dramatically, but in 2013, there were still 240 deaths due to drink driving – accounting for 14% of all road fatalities. By drinking and driving, you risk your life, those of your passengers and others on the road.

Any amount of alcohol affects your ability to drive.

THE LAW

There are strict alcohol limits for UK drivers: In England, Wales and Northern Ireland, the legal alcohol limit for drivers is:

- 35 microgrammes of alcohol per 100 millilitres of breath
- 80 milligrammes of alcohol in 100 millilitres of blood
- 107 milligrammes of alcohol per 100 millilitres of urine

In Scotland (from 5 December 2014) the legal alcohol limit for drivers is lower at:

- 22 microgrammes of alcohol per 100 millilitres of breath
- 50 milligrammes of alcohol in 100 millilitres of blood
- 67 milligrammes of alcohol per 100 millilitres of urine.

However it is not possible to say how much alcohol you can drink and stay below the limit. The way alcohol affects you depends on:

- your weight, age, sex and metabolism (the rate your body uses energy)
- the type and amount of alcohol you're drinking
- what you've eaten recently
- your stress levels at the time

So if you're driving, it's better to have none for the road.

DRINK DRIVING

- Don't drink and drive, the only safe limit is none.
- You can still be over the limit the morning after.
- Drink and drug driving does cost lives.
- Get caught drink driving and you will be treated like any other criminal.
- A drink driving conviction will stay on your licence for 11 years.
- Program a phone number for a licensed taxi company into your mobile phone before you go out.
- If you are caught drink driving you will be required to attend court where you could face a fine, be banned from driving or imprisoned.

THE CONSEQUENCES

if you are convicted of drink driving, including:

- A minimum 12 month driving ban
- A criminal record
- A hefty fine
- An endorsement on your license for 11 years

However, this list does not reflect the everyday consequences of being caught drink driving which can include:

- Increase in car insurance costs
- Job loss
- Trouble getting in to countries like the USA
- The shame of having a criminal record
- Loss of independence

The Institute of Advanced Motorists calculate that a drink drive conviction could cost between £20,000 - £50,000 as a result of fines, solicitors fees, increase in car insurance and loss of job.

YOU DRINK
YOU DRIVE
YOU LOSE

THINK ADVICE

Beware the morning after

You could be over the legal limit many hours after your last drink, even if it's the 'morning after'. Sleep, coffee and cold showers don't help to sober you up - time is the only way to get alcohol out of your system.

There is no excuse for drink driving

"I can handle my drink."

Alcohol affects everybody's driving for the worse. It creates a feeling of overconfidence, makes judging distance and speed more difficult and slows your reactions so it takes longer to stop

"I'm only going down the road."

A large proportion of all drink drive crashes occur within three miles of the start of the journey.

If you're planning to drink alcohol, plan how to get home without driving

Options include agreeing on a designated driver, saving a taxi number to your phone, or finding out about public transport routes and times before you go out.

Don't offer an alcoholic drink to someone you know is planning to drive

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Don't accept a lift from a driver you know has drunk alcohol

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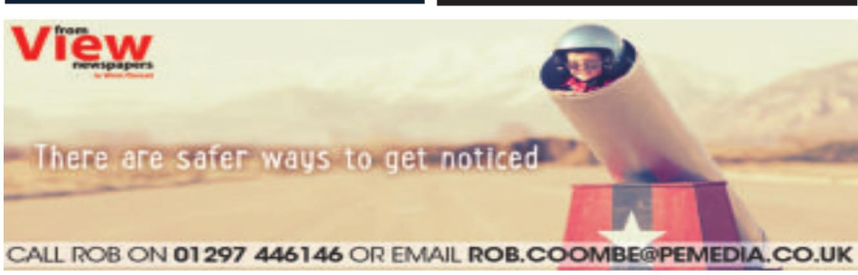

Family pay tribute to motorcyclist

THE family of a man who tragically died in a collision on the A354 between Weymouth and Dorchester have paid tribute to him.

At approximately 12.13pm on Saturday, December 5th a serious road traffic collision occurred involving a black Suzuki motorcycle and a red Jaguar XF saloon.

Sadly the motorcycle rider, 31-year-old Adam Tyson (pictured) of Weymouth, died at the scene.

The driver of the Jaguar, a 66-year-old man from the Weymouth area, and an adult and child passenger suffered minor injuries.

They were taken to Dorset County Hospital as a precaution.

Adam's family have issued the following statement: "Adam was a special soul and he lived for his passion for motorcycling.

"The whole family are absolutely heartbroken at our loss."

Meanwhile police are renewing their appeal for witnesses to the incident to come forward.

Police Sergeant Dave Stroud, of Dorset Police's Traffic Unit, said: "We have been investigating the circumstances of the collision and I would like to renew our appeal for anyone who saw either vehicle prior to or at the time of the collision to please contact us on 101."

Witnesses and anyone with information should call Dorset Police in confidence on 101 quoting incident number 5:219.

Wearing Christmas knits to raise money for kids

STAFF and students gear up for Christmas Jumper Day

WEYMOUTH College is hosting a "Crazy Christmas Jumper Day" today (Wednesday, December 16th) to raise funds for CLIC Sargent, the UK's leading cancer charity for children and young people, and their families.

Staff and students are being invited to take part.

CLIC Sargent funds a "Home from Home" in Southampton which provides free self catering accommodation to Dorset families, allowing all of the family to stay together and stay close to their child in hospital.

This service will be especially important over the Christmas period.

Last year CLIC Sargent supported 74 families across Dorset. For the majority of Dorset families, they must travel to Southampton General Hospital where treatment starts immediately, and can last up to three years.

Niamh Meredith aged 16: "I'm looking forward to seeing everyone in their Christmas jumpers, showing Christmas spirit. I'm quite close with cancer as my mum died from it when I was 10, so seeing everyone raising money makes me happy to see."

Fundraising Manager, Joy Morley said: "What a great way to support our families this Christmas.

"The involvement of our local College means a lot to both me and the families we support in Dorset!"

WEYMOUTH and Portland winner Katherine Williams and Steve Foster, winner from North Dorset

Early Christmas present for voters

RESIDENTS from West Dorset, North Dorset and Weymouth and Portland have won iPads simply by registering to vote.

A "Win an iPad" campaign, run by the Dorset Councils Partnership, was set up as an incentive to encourage residents to return their canvass forms, or to simply register to vote online.

One registered voter was selected at random from each council area to win an iPad.

The borough and district councils spend a collective £35,000 each year employing canvassers and tracking down unregistered voters across the areas. Making sure residents have submitted their registration forms in a timely manor significantly reduces costs and saves officer time.

Matt Prosser, Electoral Registration Officer for the tri-council partnership of North Dorset District Council, West Dorset District Council and Weymouth & Portland Borough Council said: "If you aren't on the register you won't be able to have a say on how the local area and the country is run.

"Elections and referendums can take place at short notice, so you won't be able to take part in these if you are not registered.

"You can still register now, simply go to www.gov.uk/registertovote and fill in your details."

DOROTHY Peel at the Wareham United Reformed Church with her son Adrian, who had flown in from California for the birthday celebrations

A FORMER organist returned to her home church to celebrate a very special birthday.

Dorothy Peel, who now lives in Weymouth, celebrated her 100th birthday at the United Reformed Church, Wareham, where she played the organ for more than 50 years.

A special service and party was held at the church to celebrate her birthday.

Dorothy had lived in Wareham for 55 years prior to her recent move to Weymouth. For much of that time she had been the organist at the URC and only retired from playing two years ago.

Dorothy's son, his wife and their family travelled from California to be with her.

Dorothy summed up the occasion by saying, "It is just so lovely to be back and to see everyone again."

New home and new venture for TIC

WEYMOUTH Tourist Information Centre (TIC) is now open in new premises at 7 Coburg Place, St Thomas Street.

Weymouth TIC is privately run and self-funded and relies on the help of our volunteers.

This Friday (December 18th) will also see the launch of a new "Art Book Café" above the TIC, a cafe which will sell second hand books and display local artwork in a bid to help-fund the TIC.

The Art Book Cafe will sell tea and coffee along with cakes and pizzas made to order.

The café will also host live music most Friday and Saturday nights and is in the process of applying for a alcohol licence to serve beer and wine.

A spokesperson for the TIC and Art Book Café said: "The cafe has a casual bohemian feel with comfy leather sofas and a large range of new and pre-loved books for sale. In addition there is also an art gallery exhibiting works by local artists supplied by ArtWey which are also available for purchase from the TIC.

"Please support the Art Book Café as it helps to fund the Weymouth Tourist Information Centre, and pop in and see our friendly staff – Aga, Joe, Richard, Tom, Hillary, Julie and Tony.

"We are also looking for new volunteers who are willing to help out in either the TIC, Café or both – if this is something you feel you could do please contact us now."

To find out more about the Weymouth Tourist Information Centre, please visit: www.weymouthinformation-centre.co.uk.

TIC staff would like to thank Weymouth B&Q, Andy at Magnet Kitchens on the Granby Estate, Nick at BES Electrical and John Farmer for all their valuable help and assistance in getting the Art Book Café up and running.

Christmas wishes benefit children's charity

WEYMOUTH-based property developer DJ Property, has made a Christmas donation to local charity, Butterflies.

The company usually makes a donation rather than sending Christmas cards to its hundreds of customers and suppliers.

Chief Executive, Mickey Jones picked the charity because they help children, up to the age of 18, who are disabled, live in West Dorset and use the support of the DCHFT Children's Centre in Dorchester.

Said Mr Jones: "2015 has been a good year for South Dorset businesses, and at DJ Property we work hard to ensure that we visit as many of our customers on a regular basis and therefore I can say 'Merry Christmas' to most of them personally. It is important that community organisations and charities are supported by the local business community at all times but especially at this festive time of year.

"The reason we chose Butterflies as our charity this year, is that they are local charity working with children with disabilities. Butterflies are a great example of a local charity doing great things for the local community over many years."

Cath Irving, Chair of the Butterflies Charity said: "We are so grateful for all donations received into our charity. The charity is run by volunteers; all contributions go straight to the purchase of specialist equipment. We would like thank Mr Jones, his family and company very much for their generosity".

FROM left Mickey Jones of DJ Property, Cath Irving – Chairman, Butterflies; Alison Walker – professional adviser; and Dave Beeston – Treasurer

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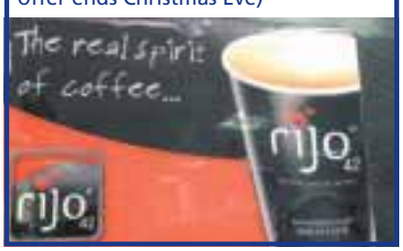

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Walking home for Christmas

A DORCHESTER law graduate is about to set off on a 75-mile walk from Winchester to the county town.

Laura Deuxberry, 24, will be raising money for Walking With the Wounded, a charity which supports homeless veterans.

She joined in the final stage of the Walking With the Wounded 1,000-mile walk of Britain earlier this year, in London where she works as a paralegal and was inspired to take on her own challenge for the charity.

Laura (pictured) plans to set off on Saturday, December 19th and plans to be back in Dorchester by December 23rd or Christmas Eve.

She is hoping to raise a minimum of £1,960, the cost of putting a veteran through the charity's First Steps employment programme.

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DORCHESTER Beerex organisers – tickets go on sale on January 1st

TICKETS will go on sale on New Year's day for the Dorchester Beerex 2016, being held on Friday, February 5th and Saturday, February 6th.

Held in the Corn Exchange the event offers dozens of ales and a range of local ciders.

Profits from the event are distributed to local good causes and this year Cowden Care Farm has been chosen as the main beneficiary of the event. The local charity, at Charminster, offers adults with low to medium learning difficulties real hands on job experience. Their aim is to provide proactive involvement that is directed towards work preparation or personals goals within a supported and safe environment

Beerex Organisers, made up of members from the West Dorset Campaign for Real Ale and Dorchester Round Table, have announced that Bridport brewers, Palmers, will be the main sponsor for the second year running.

Director Cleeves Palmer said: "Palmers Brewery is very pleased to sponsor the extremely popular Dorchester Beerex for 2016.

"This event raises the profile of traditional ale and raises a huge amount of money for important local good causes.

"My thanks go to all those who work so hard in creating such a successful and enjoyable festival."

Due to the magistrates room no longer being available for use, there will be less seating this year. However, the Saturday lunchtime session will be expanded to include an upstairs seating area for the first time. Once again there will be live music for the Saturday night session.

This year's committee chairman Robert Matthews said: "It is a pleasure working with such a dedicated team who are currently working hard to ensure Beerex 2016 builds upon the success of the previous 27 festivals. We are delighted that Palmers have chosen to continue their support as our main sponsor together with our regular and new barrel sponsors. Beerex has become a premier event in Dorchester where we can showcase beers from all over the British Isles as well as an extensive selection of contemporary ciders."

Tickets for the event will go on sale from January 1st, available from Goldies pub, Dorchester, Dorchester TIC, The Boot pub in Weymouth and via http://beerex.co.uk and camrawdorset.org.uk.

Any queries can be directed to 07799723106.

Last chance to apply for school places

DORSET parents only have a few weeks to apply for their child's reception, middle or junior school place.

Children born between September 1st, 2011 and August 31st, 2012 should start school in September 2016, and parents have until Friday, January 15th 2016 to apply for their school place.

The deadline also applies to children who will be transferring from infant to junior schools or from first to middle schools.

Dorset County Council handles school admissions for the county and is reminding parents that they must apply now to be in with a chance of securing a place at one of their preferred schools.

Councillor Toni Coombs, Cabinet member for Children and Young People at Dorset County Council, said: "We want to make sure that parents don't forget to send us their applications. Starting school or moving up to a new school is a major milestone in a child's life and I cannot stress enough how important it is that families apply on time, as submitting an application late affects the likelihood of being allocated a place at their preferred school."

All the information, including an online application form, is available at www.dorsetforyou.com/schooladmissions.

Alternatively, families can call 01305 221060 for an application pack to be sent out in the post.

If parents apply online they will be able to view the outcome of their application on dorsetforyou.com from April 18th, 2016.

Getting into the festive spirit at retirement home

DORCHESTER residents are being invited to join a Christmas event at Barnes Lodge on Wessex Road.

Churchill Retirement Living and residents will be holding the "open house" event at 10.45am this Thursday, December 17th.

Pupils from Damers First School will perform a special carol service as part of the event.

Sarah Potter, Regional Marketing Executive at Churchill Retirement Living, said: "It will be wonderful to see the generations come together to celebrate Christmas.

"It can be a difficult time for some people, but having events such as this helps to spread some Christmas cheer.

"I know that all of the owners at Barnes Lodge will thoroughly enjoy hearing the pupils from Damers First School sing, and join in with the carols themselves."

Barnes Lodge is a collection of one and two bedroom apartments designed exclusively for the over 60s.

PETER Brown from Sainsburys with staff from New Body Fitness ahead of the fundraising cycle challenge

Festive fitness fundraiser

WEYMOUTH'S Sainsbury's supermarket is getting into the festive spirit by staging a Christmas Cycle charity event at the store on Friday, December 18th at 10am.

Last year the same event raised more than £460 for Wyvern School and this year customers can place donations in buckets in aid of Weldmar Hospicecare Trust.

The cycle event will consist of three fun challenges throughout the day including Beat the Pro where instructors will be challenged to a speed race.

There will also be Long Distance with teaming up for a relay race over a certain time or distance while Silly Saddle Songs will see Christmas songs with a twist belted out while cycling.

New Body Fitness on the Granby Industrial Estate will provide two static bikes again and their fit and fun loving staff will be there for the challenges.

Sainsbury's colleagues are taking up the challenge and Weldmar will be in attendence as well for a bit of music, a bit of fun, a bit of Christmas cheer and a lot of pedalling to support a great and worthy local charity.

Nominate unsung heroes

CHRISTMAS Eve is the deadline for residents of Weymouth and Portland to nominate their unsung heroes for a Good Citizens Award.

The awards recognise the generosity and commitment of those who have dedicated their time and effort to make an outstanding contribution to the community, outside of paid employment during 2015.

Winners have been recognised for things such as volunteering with Weymouth Citizens' Advice Bureau, services to the British Legion and charity and community fundraising.

There is also a special award for young people under 18 category which recognises young people who help out in their neighbourhoods.

"There are so many people in the borough who give up their time to help others in the community and I want to be able to celebrate their efforts.

"If there is someone who really makes a difference in your community, please nominate them for a Good Citizens Award," said Councillor Christine James, Mayor of Weymouth and Portland.

Nomination forms are available from council offices or via the DorsetForYou website.

The nominator and the nominee must both live in the borough.

Completed forms should be returned to the North Quay offices by Thursday , December 24th.

A panel of councillors will meet in January to judge the nominations received and the awards will be presented by the mayor at a ceremony in April 2016

Bluebird find new nest in Weymouth

LOCAL care at home provider, Bluebird Care Dorset, has celebrated its fourth year in business with a move to an office on Abbotsbury Road, Weymouth.

Since obtaining its registration in November 2011 the company has expanded and currently operates five offices across the county, providing care to more than 200 customers.

Director Chris Scriven said: "Lynch Lane office has been a happy home for us for four years and was the ideal environment to really get things going. We have retained our training room there due to the fantastic parking but day-to-day operations will be run from the new office."

Pictured are Bluebird Care staff outside their new Weymouth office in Abbotsbury Road.

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Man arrested following alleged distraction burglary

DETECTIVES are appealing for witnesses and anyone with information to come forward following an alleged distraction burglary on Portland – with one man being arrested.

At approximately 10.30am on Friday, December 4th, a man posing as a workman allegedly visited an address at the Straits and offered to carry out repairs. He then left and returned a short time later with a second man where a price was discussed and the owner, a man aged in his 60s, went to the bank to withdraw £3,000 in cash. The two men also left the address.

When the victim returned home he was met by the second man who had been let into the property by the victim's wife. It was reported that the second man said he wanted £1,800 up front for materials to complete the job but the victim was not prepared to pay.

The first man and a third man arrived but left a short time later when no agreement could be reached. The second man stayed and encouraged the victim to take a phone call before leaving the property.

A short time later the victim discovered the cash was missing and reported the incident to police.

The alleged offenders claimed to be from a company called 'Roof Sealant Bicester Oxford' or similar.

Officers believe the offenders left the area in a white Ford Transit van with a third man.

The alleged offenders have been described as aged in their late 20s or early 30s. The first is described as five feet ten inches tall, with dark hair, a red face and was wearing black clothing. The second man is described as six feet two inches tall and was wearing a grey sweatshirt with a logo on the front. The third man was wearing a dark top.

Detective Constable Lucy Cummings, of Weymouth CID, said: "I am appealing to anyone who saw three men matching the description given between 10am and 12pm on Friday in the area of the Straits and Easton Square to please call me on 101.

"I would also like to hear from anyone who saw a white Ford Transit van with roof bars heading from the area of All Saints Church car park.

"Finally, I would urge anyone who was approached for work on their property in the Portland and Weymouth area on Friday using a similar business name and address to please contact Dorset Police."

Dorset Police would remind members of the public to check the validity of anyone asking for business on their doorstep and if they are unsure, do not invite them in.

For further crime prevention advice, visit the Dorset Police Crime Prevention Portal.

A 20-year-old man from Essex was arrested on suspicion of burglary and has been released on police bail until the beginning of January pending further enquiries.

Witnesses and anyone with information should call Dorset Police in confidence on 101, quoting incident number 4:151.

Alternatively, call the free and anonymous Crimestoppers line on 0800 555 111 where mobile phone tariffs may apply.

Limited bridge lifts during festive period

WEYMOUTH'S Town Bridge will have limited opening between Christmas Day and New Year's Day.

The bridge will remain down on Christmas Day and New Year's Day with lifts on Christmas Eve, Boxing Day and New Year's Eve at 8am, 10am, noon and 2pm only.

Requests for the 8am bridge lift on Saturday 26th should be made by 2pm on Thursday 24th with requests for the 8am lift on Saturday, January 2nd to be made by 2pm Thursday 31st December.

Bridge lift bookings can be made at the Harbour Office, Custom House Quay or by telephoning (01305) 838423. Mariners are also being warned that there will be a cross harbour swim on Christmas Day at 11am.

The harbour will be closed to all traffic not involved in the event between the town bridge and the fuelling pontoon from approximately 10.50am until 11.20am.

Popular Out Loud festival returns

THE popular "Out Loud" music event returns to Weymouth this weekend.

Over 20 acts will be performing during the two-day event on Saturday 19th and Sunday 20th – on the festival stage next to the ice rink.

Out Loud was first held in Weymouth earlier this year in June when bands, singers and entertainers shared five stages in town.

This weekend, from 11am – 4pm, the town will be alive once again with Christmas music coming from the festival stage in the square next to Debenhams.

The event is being put on my Weymouth BID and the Weymouth & Portland Lions Club.

Nigel Reed, Weymouth BID Manager said: "I would like to thank the Weymouth & Portland Lions Club for arranging the 2nd Out Loud Music festival, the event programme is packed this weekend with over 20 acts performing over the two days.

"It's promising to be a very busy weekend, the ice rink is getting booked up and Santa has been kept very busy in his Grotto in Cineworld".

DORSET Wrecks who are singing on Saturday and Sunday at 2.30pm

Christmas services

CHRISTMAS services at St Paul's Church, Abbotsbury Road, Weymouth, will take place on:

- Thursday, December 17th at 6.30pm Beechcroft St Paul's School Carol Service (mulled wine and mince pies)
- Sunday, December 20th at 3pm Salvation Army Carol Service
- Sunday, December 20th at 6.30pm The Mayor's Carol Service
- Thursday, December 24th (Christmas Eve) 4pm Christingle Service, 7pm Carols by Candlelight, 11.30pm Midnight Mass
- Friday, December 25th (Christmas Day) Eucharist 10.30am
- Sunday, December 27th The Holy Family Combined Eucharist 10.30am
- Sunday, January 3rd 2016 Epiphany. Procession of the Wise Men. Combined Eucharist at 10.30am.

Lifeboat carols

THIS year's Weymouth lifeboat annual Christmas carol service will be held on Friday, December 18th at 7.30pm outside the Lifeboat Station, Nothe Parade.

Come and join the volunteer lifeboat crew in their traditional carol service. Music will be provided by the Salvation Army Band.

The service will be led by the clergy team from Holy Trinity Church, with a Bible reading by the Mayor of Weymouth and Portland Borough Council, Councillor Christine James.

Island lottery draw

THE next quarterly lottery draw, organised by Island Community Action, takes place on December 18th.

The more tickets sold, the higher the prize fund. Tickets at £1 are available from the ICA office and Cards 'n' Celebrations in Easton.

Christmas craft fair for Weldmar

EVERYTHING from portraits to knitted puddings with chocolates inside were on offer when a Christmas craft fair was held at the Wyke Smugglers pub in Weymouth.

The event, which was held in aid of Weldmar Hospicecare Trust, was organised by Daphne Coles (pictured).

She said: "We also had photography, paintings, reindeer, cards, jewellery sweets and DVDs.

"I decided to organise this fair in memory of my daughter-in-law, Susie, who sadly died from cancer last Christmas.

"She was helped by Weldmar and we are trying to hold events such as this fair to say thank-you for all their work."

Council offer free dementia bracelets

A FREE identity bracelet is now available which will enable dementia sufferers to be easily be identified by emergency services if they become lost or confused and forget where they live.

The "Home Safely" bracelet, available from the county council, contains a metal plaque engraved with a community alarm phone number, and a unique pin number that will enable police or health workers to contact the person's carer.

Carers are encouraged to join the scheme, giving their contact details and the name and home address of the person with dementia. The details are then held on a database shared with only emergency services.

Anyone with dementia is entitled to a bracelet. It looks like a watch strap and is adjustable, but cannot be removed by the wearer.

Around 14,000 people in Dorset have serious memory loss problems.

Councillor Jill Haynes, the council's Cabinet member for adult social care, said: "Most people with dementia want to stay in their home for as long as possible. A Home Safely bracelet helps provide peace of mind to their carer knowing that should they get lost, their contact details are registered.

"One in three of us are, or will be, affected by dementia – either as carers of someone close to us, or having the illness ourselves.

"We are working in partnership with local communities to develop innovative ways to enable people with dementia to take part in everyday activities and retain their independence for as long as they are able."

The Home Safely scheme is free to join – call 01305 755800 for more details.

For more information about local help and support available for dementia sufferers, go to www.mylifemycare.com/Memory-loss-and-dementia.

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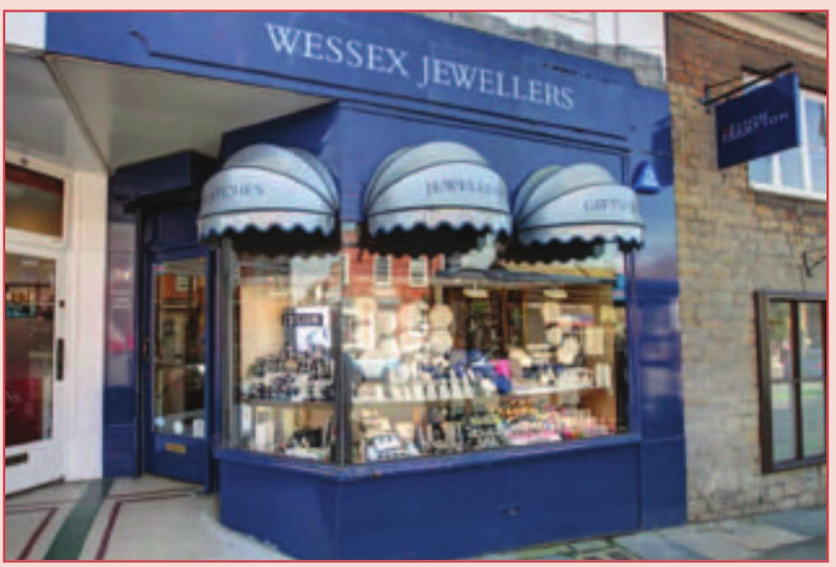

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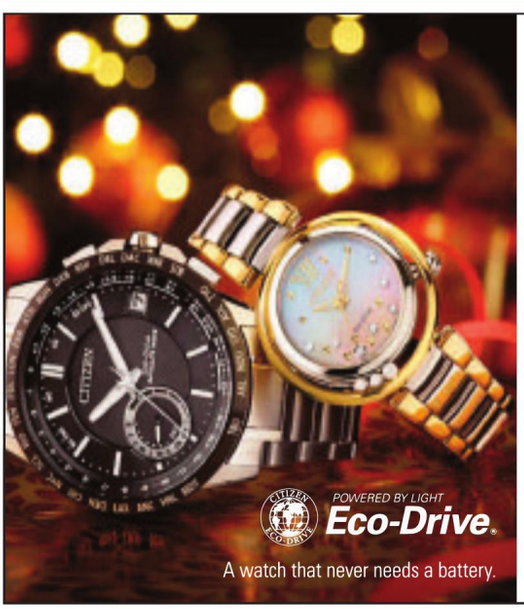

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Weymouth Matters

A personal View by HARRY WALTON

Witch hunt launched against press

A WITCH hunt has been launched over how those nasty members of the Press got their hands on developer details for who bid how many millions for the council offices site in Weymouth.

Politicians have defended their close-mouthed stance on the sale as "just doing our jobs", so why should they object so much when journalists do their job?

Wave an agenda at a reporter and they'll idly thumb through it, but wave an agenda with "blue paper" on it where the authority invokes confidentiality and any reporter worth their salt is immediately going to ask: "Why?"

To flesh this scene out a bit, the council put its offices on the market and called for developer bids which had to come with no strings attached.

They got six worthy of mention and the authority's influential management committee duly threw open its doors to hold its regular public meeting.....but debating those offers was held in secret behind closed doors without a single member of the Press or public in sight.

Eventually – rather in the manner of cardinals emerging to say who had been elected Pope – those doors were opened and it emerged that an Acorn South £4.5 million bid for residential homes had been chosen.

Of much more interest was why a much higher £6.1 million bid from McCarthy and Stone – who are already developing the old Fire Station site nearby – was turned down.

Apparently the extra £1.6 million for council coffers was rejected because the bid was conditional on getting planning permission for turning the site into a residential home and the council had specifically stipulated that bids should be unconditional.

That whole rejection scenario seems bonkers to me but, having set up a clearly flawed bidding process, I have to defend the council for sticking by it to avoid even more chaos since any attempt to back McCarthy & Stone's higher bid would have opened the litigation floodgates from those developers who did provide unconditional bids.

So as the Press witch hunt goes on, people might like to ask this. Who is to blame for approving such a badly designed bidding process? Methinks the buck stops with politicians.

Time to stock up before mad festive rush

CHRISTMAS is barely a week away and most families are planning that final big shop.

We've borrowed an old armoured personnel carrier to make our trip to the supermarket and, while it may only do nine miles to the gallon, it does ensure there is no worry about parking since you just choose a space and go into it whether there is a car there already or not.

Once inside the supermarket experience has shown that our weapon of choice – the cattle prod – is worth its weight in gold so we can get at those hard to reach Christmas staples of butter, cheese and indigestion tablets.

Finally there is the check-out, another name for a vast collection of sweating humanity all jammed together in the same spot.

Nothing can be more infuriating than watching someone cheerfully chatting away with the cashier while they slowly load their purchases into a trolley long after check-out staff have finished adding it all up. The bitter icing on the cake comes when said person finally asks how much the bill is and then spends five minutes trying to find their credit card!

Surely our example would be far simpler for everyone to follow. I pretend to faint, all nearby shoppers rush over to help me and my wife nips in to a deserted check-out. It's so simple. There is even time for me to recover enough to run the trolley over a few unsupervised screaming children on our way out.

All joking aside, supermarkets will be becoming no-go areas over the next week, so beat the rush by shopping earlier or later and try and help an elderly family member or neighbour if you can. It can be your good deed for Christmas.

THIS week's Growing Old Disgracefully spot offers some advice to families preparing to serve Christmas food to an elderly loved one.

Perhaps the key thing to remember is that your 70, 80 or 90-something relative may not have eyes and teeth in full working order, so you have to take a few precautions.

Don't plonk a plate of turkey with all the trimmings in front of them and then offer them the gravy boat as stomachs can be turned by watching your senior citizen cheerfully pour a fragrant stream into their wine glass or the flower arrangement.

Always do it for them first in the kitchen and also make sure their helping of turkey is in small bite-sized pieces to avoid pensioner difficulty cutting their meat up or your could find conversation stilling as your elderly guest takes their teeth out and tries to use them to sever a nice piece of breast because "my damn knife is blunt".

Similarly with the Christmas pudding. If you are a traditionalist and like to ladle over a spoonful of brandy and set fire to it, do make sure uncle Stanley's beard and aunt Cath's moustache are safely out of the line of fire because it can take hours to get treatment at A&E on Christmas Day.

Finally, keep an eagle eye on the trifle. A big meal and a glass of wine can make elderly people drowsy and you don't want them slowly leaning forward to drown in the desert.

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A dog is for life, and for good

By Abi Jackson, Press Association

WE often refer to dogs as being part of the family, but that statement doesn't fully do them justice - not only are they part of the family, they're a unique, unwaveringly wonderful, part of the family.

Always happy to see you, there with a reassuring wag when you need it, they never judge or answer back, and somehow just being near them can lift the spirits.

The power of man's (and woman's) best friend to boost our mood and general wellbeing should not be underestimated, and they can be a lifeline for people experiencing serious depression - an illness in the spotlight following Robin Williams' tragic death.

"The research evidence is pretty clear that pets in general, and in particular dogs, seem to work in a number of ways to be helpful to human health," says Samaritans trustee Steve Platt. "One is their actual involvement in therapeutic activity, whether that's helping children with autism or people with dementia. They also seem very sensitive to ill health in others and can help alert in situations like epileptic seizures or even cancer, being able to detect them at an early stage. And there have been many examples where dogs help people with depression, and the elderly. They can have a profound effect."

HEARTWARMING TAILS

This profound effect is at the heart of new book, My Dog, My Friend: Heart-Warming Tales Of Canine Companionship From Celebrities And Other Extraordinary People.

In it, a number of people, including some high-profile names, share personal tales about the roles their beloved pooches have played in their lives.

TV chef Antony Worrall Thompson writes: "It is well documented that in 2012 I had what can only be described as a mental breakdown. During that time I was grateful for the support of my family. And classed as family are my two faithful dogs..."

Walking them was a much-needed source of "strength and solace", he reveals.

Esther Rantzen talks about the joy and comfort a string of cherished mutts have brought her family over the years, from perking her up after a stressful day at work to helping them all through the dark days of grief following the death of her husband, Desmond, in 2000.

Also featured is Nanette Mutrie, professor of physical activity for health at the University of Edinburgh, who is a firm believer in the power of exercise for keeping us well, inside and out - but that doesn't have to mean pricey gym memberships and gruelling triathlons, regular dog-walking will work wonders too.

The brilliance of dogs doesn't end there either. This book - supported by Samaritans with all author donations being donated to the charity - is also a reminder that owning a pooch can make a difference to your all-important social life too.

"Dogs are a fantastic aid for socialisation," says Platt, who has written the book's foreword. "They encourage people to get out, and they also attract attention and help you get into conversation with others. For some people, taking their dog for a walk and having a brief chat with a fellow dog-walker might be the only interaction they have.

"They help structure the day, too. We all need structure and one of the problems that arises for people who are lonely, or living in isolation, is the collapse of structure which can have severe consequences. A dog can help provide that structure, in terms of feeding times and walking times."

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▲ Esther Rantzen with late husband Desmond and dogs Marmite and Millie, featured in My Dog, My Friend, compiled by Jacki Gordon, published by Hubble & Hattie.

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Christmas and going into the New Year is a time when perhaps more visitors will call and your house may become a very noisy environment and this can be quite stressful for our pets. So why not give them some quiet time in separate room. If they are scared of noise or fireworks then why not use a pheromone plug-in to chill them out in their safe space.

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FESTIVE Television & FILM

A preview of festive TV and Film
by Nicky Sweetland

Downton Abbey returns this Christmas Day for the Finale. Romance is in the air at Downton but, for some, the year's end will prove bittersweet.

Doctor Who
The Husbands of River Song
5.15pm **BBC1**

When a crashed spaceship calls upon his help, the Time Lord finds himself launched on a chase across the galaxy Greg Davis and Matt Lucas guest-star

IF you're looking forward to snuggling up in front of the TV this Christmas, look no further than our Festive View for an extensive guide to all of your holiday viewing.

There are all of the usual Yuletide offerings including the soaps vying for top spot on Christmas day and the Doctor Who Christmas special which this year will see the return of the Doctor's beloved wife River Song.

For musicals fans there are a plethora of jazz hands to choose from with The Sound of Music Live! on ITV on December 20th and Gypsy with the multi award winning Imelda Staunton on December 27th. Lyme Regis' own West End star Luke Street can be seen in the production, which was filmed at the Savoy theatre in October.

We've also got the pick of this year's films, including some almost compulsory family viewing.

DOCTOR WHO

It seems like 'Doctor Who' is making up for the death of Clara Oswald (Jenna Coleman) by unleashing a truly special Christmas episode this year. The show will mark the return of Alex Kingston as the Doctor's beloved wife River Song, in the episode entitled 'The Husbands of River Song'.

"It's Christmas Day on a remote human colony and the Doctor is hiding from Christmas Carols and Comedy Antlers. But when a crashed spaceship calls upon the Doctor for help, he finds himself recruited into River Song's squad and hurled into a fast and frantic chase across the galaxy. King Hydroflax (Greg Davies) is furious, and his giant Robot bodyguard is out-of-control and coming for them all! Will Nardole (Matt Lucas) survive? And when will River Song work out who the Doctor is?"

DOWNTON ABBEY

Romance abounds in the final episode of Downton Abbey, but for some the year's end is bitter-sweet.

Mary endeavours to build bridges but Edith's secret continues to pose a threat, even after she thought there was nothing left to lose.

As Henry settles into the role of husband, scars left by Charlie's death are slow to heal, while Carson struggles to come to terms with developments which prove that even he is not invulnerable to change.

Spratt's successful moonlighting venture is threatened by the conniving of Denker, and Daisy may have missed her chance with an admirer.

Isobel receives devastating news and when the Greys' scheming takes a sinister turn, she and Violet join forces.

Robert must learn the value of independence, while the day that Anna and Bates have been waiting for arrives.

The last ever episode offers all the love and loss, happiness and heartbreak of Downton Abbey, and as the family and servants prepare to welcome 1926 with an unforgettable New Year's Eve we will share our final two hours in their company, and reflect on the ending of a television event.

CHRISTMAS SOAP HIGHLIGHTS

EASTENDERS

Walford isn't known as the place to go for Christmas cheer and this festive season is no different, with the Mitchells and Beales at war, and Dean seeking revenge on Mick and Linda as they prepare to tie the knot. A helping of joy does come in the form of a baby boy however, although with a potential paternal struggle, it doesn't look like it will be all that merry for Stacey.

CORONATION STREET

Norris is displeased as Emily takes off on her South American adventures, and Fizz and Tyrone are set for an emotional rollercoaster with the prospect of Hope remaining in hospital and missing the festivities.

EMMERDALE

Corrie Legend Liz Dawn (aka Vera Duckworth) puts in an appearance at the B&B and Pollard gives a good impression of Scrooge, but the Dingles are in the thick of the action this Christmas with Belle bursting to spill the beans about Joanie and Zak.

HOLLYOAKS

There are two special hour-long episodes on Christmas Eve and New Years Eve with Ste and John Paul taking the spotlight during the Christmas Eve special. The dangerous Freddie Roscoe will make his exciting return as Reenie and Porsche prepare to leave.

Jurassic Park
Boxing Day
1.20 - 3.40pm **ITV**

OUR TOP FIVE FILM PICKS

Christmas Eve - The Polar Express
ITV 5.25 - 7.25pm

1. Christmas Eve-The Polar Express
TV 5.25-7.25pm
In this animated tale a boy finds his belief in Father Christmas is restored by an incredible journey to the North Pole on board a magical train.

2. Christmas Day-The Wizard of OZ
C5 3.10-5.10pm
An absolute must for Christmas day, the adaptation of L Frank Baum's classic fable may be the most beloved fantasy film of all time.

3. Boxing Day-Jurassic Park
ITV 1.20-3.40pm
Steven Spielberg's adaptation of the Michael Crichton bestselling novel featuring the world's ultimate theme park, which houses genetically engineered Dinosaurs.

4. New Year's Eve-Up
BBC1 2.50-4.45pm
The breathtaking Pixar masterwork follows widower Carl Fredrickson as he fulfills a lifelong dream. An emotional and beautiful animated family film.

5. New Year's Day-Tangled
C4 6.00-8.00pm
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THE SOUND OF MUSIC

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This Christmas ITV are presenting The Sound of Music Live, a new television dramatisation of the world's most popular musical. The ambitious two-and-a-half hour musical drama will be transmitted live on ITV in what will be the "must see" event of the year.

The timeless and true story of Maria and the von Trapp family will come to life on soundstages at London's Three Mills Studios. Based on the original stage musical with a book by Lindsay & Crouse and suggested by The Trapp Family Singers by Maria Augusta Trapp, The Sound of Music Live will include all of the songs from its classic score by Rodgers and Hammerstein, including How Do You Solve A Problem Like Maria, Edelweiss, Do-Re-Mi, My Favourite Things, Climb Ev'ry Mountain and the title song.

The spectacular cast includes Kara Tointon (Mr Selfridge, Pygmalion, EastEnders) as Maria; Julian Ovenden (Downton Abbey, Smash, My Night With Reg) as Captain Georg von Trapp; Katherine Kelly (Mr Selfridge, She Stoops To Conquer, Coronation Street) as Baroness Elsa Schraeder and Alexander Armstrong (Armstrong and Miller, Pointless, Danger Mouse) as Max Detweiler. Olivier Award winning actress, Maria Friedman (Rag2me, The Woman in White, Chicago) joins the cast as Mother Abbess and actor and comedian, Mel Giedroyc (BAFTA nominated Sadie J) will appear as Frau Schmidt.

The Sound Of Music 20th December, from 7.30pm, ITV

Kara Tointon as Maria

THE SOUND OF MUSIC TRIVIA

- The Sound of Music was not the first name that Rodgers & Hammerstein thought of for their new musical. They initially wanted to call it Love Song
- The Sound of Music has been staged on every continent save Antarctlca. It was the last musical writen by Rodgers with Hammerstein in a remarkable career that also included Oklahoma!, The King and I and South Pacific
- 'Edelweiss' was the last song they wrote for the musical score, and the last song Oscar Hammerstein II ever wrote; he died in August of 1960, about 10 months after the musical had opened on Broadway in November of 1959
- When the stage play of The Sound of Music was transformed into a film, three songs were dropped. They were: 'How Can Love Survive?' sung by Max and Elsa, 'No Way to Stop It' sung by Max, Elsa and the Captain, and 'An Ordinary Couple' sung by Maria and the Captain
- There are seven von Trapp children in the musical - Liesl, Freidrich, Louisa, Kurt, Brigitta, Marta and Gretl. The real von Trapp children were actually named, from oldest to youngest, Rupert, Werner, Hedwig, Johanna, Marlna, Agatha, and Maria
- Scnnitzel with noodles is a "favourite thing" in The Sound of Music but it isn't Austrian - Hammerstein invented this dish!

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1. In the Christmas Carol, 'Away in the Manger' what was the little Lord Jesus asleep on?

2. In the film Elf, what is the best way to spread Christmas cheer?

3. In what country, the world's seventh largest by geographical area, is Christmas known as Bada Din (the big day)?

4. Which Christmas condiment is made from fruit sometimes referred to as marshworts?

5. Charles Dickens is said to have considered the names Little Larry and Puny Pete for which character? (Bonus point: in which Dickens novel did the character appear?)

6. The Latin word meaning 'coming' gave us what term which still refers to the coming Christmas period, and also to a particular tradition popular with children?

7. The surname Chandler derives from the making or selling of what?

8. In 'The Twelve Days Of Chritsmas', what are there twelve of?

9. Christmas Island, in the Indian Ocean, is a territory of which country?

10. Who had the Christmas number one in 1982 with 'Save Your Love'?

11. What is the name of the skin that hangs from a turkey's neck?

12. What is the name of the German yeast cake often served at Christmas?

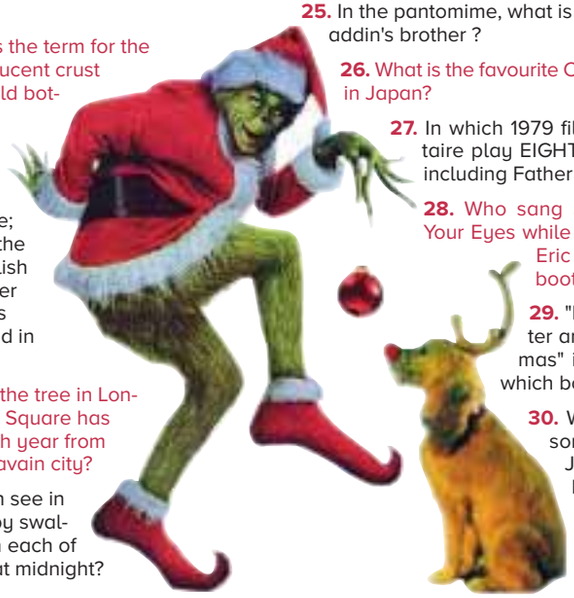
13. Who played the lead in the 1988 film 'Scrooged'?

14. Beeswing is the term for the crackled translucent crust that forms on old bottles of which popular Christmas tipple?

15. True or false; before turkey, the traditional English Christmas dinner included a pig's head smothered in mustard.

16. Since 1947, the tree in London's Trafalgar Square has been a gift each year from which Sacndinavain city?

17. The Spanish see in the New Year by swallowing what on each of the 12 chimes at midnight?



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19. What gift is an anagram of ESNEC-NIKNARF?

20. According to the old Julian calendar, which date in January do the Greeks celebrate Christmas?

21. Which saint gave bags of gold to the poor and has since inspired us to give chocolate covered coins at Christmas time?

22. What did Harry Worth host on Christmas Day 1970 when it was shown in colour for the first time on BBC1?

23. What type of animal carried Mary to Bethlehem on its back?

24. Which Beatrix Potter book is set around Christmastide?

25. In the pantomime, what is the name of Aladdin's brother ?

26. What is the favourite Christmas Dinner in Japan?

27. In which 1979 film did Fred Astaire play EIGHT different roles including Father Christmas ?

28. Who sang Smoke Gets In Your Eyes while wearing one of Eric Morecambe's boots?

29. "It is always winter and never Christmas" is a quote from which book?

30. With which seasonal product did J C Hall make his millions ?

ANSWERS: 1: The hay , **2:** Singing loud for all to hear, **3:** India, **4:** Cranberry sauce, **5:** Tiny Tim - A Christmas Carol, **6:** Advent (as in advent calendars - the 'coming' basically refers to the birth of Christ), **7:** Candles, **8:** Drummers Drumming, **9:** Australia, **10:** Renée and Renato, **11:** Wattle, **12:** Stollen, **13:** Bill Murray, **14:** Port, **15:** True, **16:** Oslo, Norway, **17:** A grape, **18:** Elizabeth II (1957), **19:** Frankincense, **20:** 7th January, **21:** Saint Nicholas, **22:** Disney Time, **23:** A Donkey, **24:** The Tailor of Gloucester, **25:** Wishee Washee, **26:** KFC, **27:** The Man in the Santa Claus Suit, **28:** Shirley Bassey, **29:** The Lion, The Witch and the Wardrobe, **30:** Christmas Cards (Hallmark).

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FESTIVE Recipes

Chocolate Christmas Pudding

Preparation time
30 mins plus overnight soaking
Cooking time 3 hours 30 minutes
Serves: 6-8

Ingredients

- 350g luxury mixed dried fruit
- 100g ready-to-eat dried figs, chopped finger nail size
- 100ml stout, preferably chocolate stout
- 60g unsalted butter, room temperature
- 60g dark brown muscovado sugar
- 60g clear honey
- 2 large eggs, room temperature, beaten
- 60g plain flour
- 125g fresh white breadcrumbs
- ½ tsp ground mixed spice
- ¼ tsp grated nutmeg
- ½ tsp ground cinnamon
- 1 medium Cox's eating apple, cored and grated
- 10g chopped almonds
- 100g pine nuts
- 100g dark chocolate, perferably Divine

Preparation method

1. Put the dried fruit, chopped figs and the stout into a mixing bowl. Stir well then cover with clingfilm and leave to soak for 8-12 hours, or overnight - if possible, give the mixture the odd stir now and then.
2. The next day, beat the butter with the sugar and honey in a large mixing bowl, using an electric whisk or wooden spoon. Gradually beat in the eggs, beating well after each addition and fold in the flour until evenly mixed.
3. In another bowl, mix the breadcrumbs with all the spices, grated apple, almonds and pine nuts. When thoroughly combined, stir into the egg mixture with the soaked fruit and any liquid in the bowl
4. Break or chop the chocolate into small pieces and stir into the pudding mixture, making sure the chocolate is evenly distributed.
5. Spoon into a 1.1 litre buttered pudding basin. Tap the bowl gently on the work top to expel any air pockets then cover with a layer of greased greaseproof paper pleated in the middle to allow for expansion, then foil (or use a snap-on lid). Tie securely with string and loop the string across the top to make a handle for easy removal.
6. Steam or boil the pudding in a pan of boiling water: stand the bowl on an upturned saucer then pour in boiling water from the kettle so the water comes 2/3 up the side of the bowl.
7. Simmer gently for 3½ hours, topping up with boiling water from time to time so the pan doesnt boil dry. Remove the bowl from the pan and when cold cover with fresh paper and foil. Store in the fridge for up to month. .
8. To serve steam or boil as before for 2 hours. Turn out onto a platter to serve.

Mincemeat slices

Preparation time
14 mins
Cooking time
20 mins
Makes:
12 slices

Ingredients

- 140g/5oz butter or margaine
- 85g/3oz soft brown sugar
- 230g/8oz plain or whole wheat flour
- 114g/4oz poridge oats
- 340-455g/12-16oz mincemeat

Preparation method

1. Preheat the oven to 200°C or 400°F.
2. Grease a shallow baking tin, 11 x 7 inches.
3. Melt the butter or margarine gently in a large saucepan. Add the sugar and mix well.
4. While the butter and sugar are being heated up, mix the porridge oats & flour together in a bowl..
5. When the butter & sugar mixture have turned to liquid, take the pan off the heat and add the flour & oat mixture gradually, stirring all the time.
6. When it is all thoroughly mixed and blended, spoon HALF the mixture into a well greased shallow baking tin.
7. With the flat of your hand, press the mixture down firmly all over - making sure it gets into all the corners!
8. The firmer you press, the less crumbly it will be when it has been cooked & therefore easier to pick up and eat!

Swedish Glog

Preparation time 5 mins
Cooking time 15 mins

Ingredients

- 2x750ml bottles of fruity red wine
- 1x750ml bottle of port
- 3 cinnamon sticks
- 14 whole cloves
- 1 orange, peeled and cut into thin strips
- 1 cup white sugar or to taste
- 3/4 cup rum, or to taste
- 1 cup raisons
- 1 cup flaked almonds

Preparation method

1. Gently simmer the red wine, port wine, cinnamon sticks, whole cloves, and orange peel in a large pot set over medium-low heat. Stir in the sugar, rum, and brandy. Continue simmering 5 minutes more, stirring to completely dissolve the sugar, and the mixture is steaming but not boiling.
2. Mix the raisins and almonds together in a bowl.
3. To serve, ladle into coffee cups or Swedish-style small glass or ceramic mugs. Garnish each cup with a spoonful of the raisin and almond mixture.

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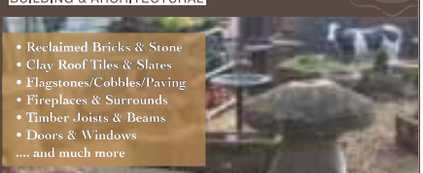

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FESTIVE Television

Thursday, December 24th

Stuart Little
Channel4 12.30pm

Stuart Little is a 1999 American family comedy film directed by Rob Minkoff. It is loosely based on the novel of the same name by E. B. White. It combines live action and computer animation.

The Snowman and The Snowdog
5.25pm **Channel4**

Animated sequel to *The Snowman*. A boy makes a snowman and snowdog that come to life.

BBC1

6.00am Breakfast
Jon Kay, Naga Munchetty.
9.00 David Suchet: In the Footsteps of St Paul
2/2 How Paul brought Christianity to the Mediterranean world, before falling foul of the Romans.
10.00 On Angel Wings
Animated adaptation of Michael Morpurgo's reworking of the Nativity.
10.30 The Santa Clause ★★★
Fantasy starring Tim Allen. A divorced father steps into Santa's shoes.
12.00 Bargain Hunt
In Corby, Northamptonshire.
1.00pm BBC News Weather;
Regional News
1.20 Snow Chick: a Penguin's Tale
Following the first few months in the life of an emperor penguin.
2.20-3.50 A Christmas Carol ★★★
Animated fantasy based on Charles Dickens's tale, starring Jim Carrey.
3.50pm Finding Nemo ★★★★★
Animated comedy adventure with the voices of Albert Brooks and Ellen DeGeneres. Clownfish Marlin leaves the safety of the reef to rescue his son Nemo from a scuba diver.
5.20 Harry Hill In Professor Branestawm Returns
When Lady Pagwell dies, leaving a legacy to fund local inventing, Branestawm thinks his money troubles are over. But scheming councillor Haggerstone insists that an inventing contest be held to decide who gets the cash.
6.20 BBC News
Regional News; Weather.
6.40 Celebrity Mastermind
3/10. Radzi Chinyanganya, Damon Gough, Rebecca Root and Kriss Akabusi take turns in the black chair.
7.10 Pointless Celebrities Christmas Special
Su Pollard and Jeffrey Holland, Colin Baker and Louise Jameson, Alison Hammond and Robin Windson and the Krankies play the game.
8.00 Would I Lie to You? At Christmas
Bill Bailey, Ruth Jones, Jo Brand and Dame Kelly Holmes tell festive fibs - or truths.
8.30 EastEnders
Sharon drops a bombshell.
9.05 Peter Kay: 20 Years of Funny
Contributions from friends and colleagues - as well as an interview with the man himself-combine to trace the life and career of the comedian, actor, writer and Director/Producer Ali Lynch.
10.05 Walliams and Friend
David Walliams returns with a new sketch show, with Joanna Lumley as his sidekick.
10.45 Not Going Out
Christmas Shopping. A trip to a department store turns Christmas upside down.
11.30 BBC News Weather
11.45 Midnight Mass from St George's Cathedral, Southwark
Live service led by the Most Reverend Peter Smith.
1.00am Serendipity ★★★ Romantic comedy starring John Cusack and Kate Beckinsale.
2.25 Weather
2.30 - 6.00am BBC News

BBC2

6.20am Homes under the Hammer
7.20 James Martin: Home Comforts at Christmas
10/10. With chef Paul Ainsworth.
8.05 - 9.05 Sign Zone 8.05 This Wild Life
5/10. The safari camp reopens. 8.35 Great British Menu The Northern Ireland chefs prepare main courses.
9.05 Bedknobs and Broomsticks ★★★
Musical fantasy starring Angela Lansbury.
11.00 The Hairy Bikers' Northern Exposure
Si and Dave taste some of Russia's finest foods.
12.00 Natural World
Gentoo penguins raising their chicks in Port Lockroy in the Antarctic.
1.00pm Sister Act 2: Back in the Habit ★★★ Musical comedy starring Whoopi Goldberg and Kathy Najimy.
2.45 Perry and Croft: Made In Britain
How the duo's comedies each encapsulated the end of an era.
4.15 2/2. Gordon sees the wolves as they hunt.
5.15pm Carols from King's
The world-famous choir's traditional celebration from the chapel of King's College, Cambridge opens, as even with a soloist singing Once in Royal David's City. Other well-loved carols include Away in a Manger, O Holy Night and O Come, All Ye Faithful. Poems by Christina Rossetti, Elizabeth Jennings and Thomas Merton help to tell the Nativity story.
6.30 To the Manor Born
Living in reduced circumstances does not mean Audrey will relinquish her duties as Christmas approaches. The festive special from 1979.
7.00 Dad's Army
For the Love of Three Oranges. Mainwaring finds himself bidding against Pike for an orange.
7.30 Christmas University Challenge
5/10. Exeter alumni, including Nick Baker and Barnaby Edwards, battle it out with former students from Magdalen College, Oxford, among them Louis Theroux and Matt Ridley.
8.00 MasterChef: the Professionals
The search for a chef to be crowned 2015 champion reaches its climax, as the three finalists face one last challenge. They are given three hours to cook a starter, a main course and a dessert, with each course showcasing the contenders' execution, flavour and presentation.
9.00 The Great History Quiz: the Tudors
TV historians Lucy Worsley and Dan Snow put their reputations on the line as they head up teams answering questions from Kirsty Young on all aspects of the Tudor era.
10.00 The Scandalous Lady W
Period drama. Natalie Dormer stars as Seymour Lady Worsley, who escapes her troubled marriage and runs off with her husband's best friend, only to find herself at the centre of a very public trial.
11.30 Dial M for Murder ★★★★
Thriller starring Ray Milland and Grace Kelly. When he discovers his wealthy wife Margot is having an affair with novelist Mark Halliday, playboy Tony Wendice hatches a murderous plot to ensure he doesn't wind up penniless.
1.10-3.55am Sign Zone 1.10 Simply Nigella Christmas
Special A guide to stress-free festive cooking and entertaining.
2.10 Christmas Shopping Fever: John Lewis and the Retail Race
The staff are plunged into their busiest period.
3.10 James Martin: Home Comforts at Christmas
10/10 With chef Paul Ainsworth.

ITV1

6.00am CITV
7.00 Good Morning Britain (S) (HD)
8.30 Lorraine Entertainment and fashion
9.25 Elf: Buddy's Musical Christmas
Stop-motion animated adventure based on the film Elf.
10.25 Pick Me!
Hosted by Stephen Mulhern.
11.25 Back to the Future Part II ★★★
Sci-fi comedy adventure with Michael J Fox. Marty McFly is whisked forward to 2015 to prevent a crime involving his son.
1.30pm ITV Lunchtime News Weather
1.45-3.50 Small Soldiers ★★★
Action Man-type figures come to life and go on the rampage.
3.50pm National Lampoon's Christmas Vacation ★★
Comedy. The Griswold family decides to spend a traditional Christmas at home. But their peace is shattered as soon as the decorations start to go up and the relatives arrive.
5.40 All Star Mr & Mrs
Martine McCutcheon, Harry Redknapp, Gwyneth Strong and their respective partners take part.
6.45 ITV Evening News, weather
7.00 Emmerdale
Mistakes from the past return to haunt Zak, while April causes a stir at the Nativity play.
8.00 Coronation Street
As Rob plots his revenge, Tyrone is hoping for a Christmas miracle. Sarah has some advice for Kylie.
8.30 The Abba Christmas Party
An array of stars - including Susan Boyle, Alexandra Burke, Shayne Ward, Catherine Tyldesley, the Feeling, Scouting for Girls and the cast of Mamma Mia! - head to a Scandinavian lodge to perform some of Abba's best-known songs.
9.45 Through the Christmas Keyhole
Keith Lemon disturbs the decorations in the homes of three celebrities, challenging Stephen Mulhern, Claudia Winkleman and Jimmy Carr to guess their identities.
Director Toby Baker; Series producer Arron Ferster
10.45 ITV News Regional News Weather
11.00 Christmas Carols on ITV
Aled Jones joins the congregation of St Elisabeth's in Reddish, Stockport, for a traditional candlelit service featuring everyone's favourite songs of
the season and performances by Britain's Got Talent winners Collabro, soul singer Toni Green and singer/songwriter Laura White.
12.00 Bill & Ted's Excellent Adventure ★★★★ Comedy starring Keanu Reeves and Alex Winter A representative from the future assists California teenagers Bill and Ted's history studies by enabling
them to travel back in time.
1.40am Murder She Wrote Jessica listens to the final confession of a dying hit man.
2.30 The Jeremy Kyle Show USA
3.15 Nightscreen Text information.
5.05-6.00am The Jeremy Kyle Show

Channel4

6.15am Small Animal Hospital Rescued rabbits.
7.00 The Big Bang Theory Double bill.
7.40 The Snowman Repeated 4.55pm
8.05 Father Christmas
Acclaimed animation, based on Raymond Briggs's book.
8.35 The Simpsons
Bart accidentally destroys the family's Christmas presents.
9.10 Animals United ★★
Animated adventure featuring the voices of James Corden and Stephen Fry.
10.55 Dr Seuss' Horton Hears a Who! ★★★★ Animated adventure based on the children's book, featuring the voice of Jim Carrey.
12.30pm Stuart Little ★★★
Part-animated fantasy adventure based on EB White's story, starring Hugh Laurie.
2.10 Channel 4 News, Sport, Weather
2.15pm It's a Wonderful Life ★★★★★
Classic fantasy drama. Businessman George Bailey is contemplating suicide, when his guardian angel shows him how life would have been had he never lived.
4.55 The Snowman
Animation. A boy's snowman magically comes to life.
5.25 The Snowman and the Snowdog
A boy makes a snowman and a snowdog that come to life and take him to the North Pole.
6.00 Hollyoaks
Reenie and Porsche prepare to leave Hollyoaks.
7.00 Jamie's Night before Christmas
Mr Oliver is on hand to offer expert tips to take all the stress out of cooking for Christmas. He'll be focusing on what we fear most while preparing the family dinner -from incorrect
timings to soggy roast potatoes and dry turkey.
8.00 My Crazy Christmas Lights
In south London, Mick mounts an incredible display that really brings the magic of the season home to son Callum, who has cystic fibrosis. In Lancashire, Fred and Mick are determined that their illuminations will outshine those of the local town centre.
9.00 Eight out of Ten Cats Christmas Special
A whole host of familiar faces join regulars Jimmy Carr, Sean Lock and Jon Richardson for a look back at memorable stories from the year Series producer Adam Hutchinson; Executive producers Richard Osman, Ruth Phillips and Andrew Westwell.
10.00 Rude Tube Christmas Cracker
Alex Zane delivers a sackful of treats, including the best way to un-decorate the tree.
11.00 Gogglebox
Ep 15. The households' opinions on recent TV.
12.00 The Inbetweeners
1/6 Series 1. Will's private-school ways do not go down well at his new comprehensive.
12.35am 2/6. Simon and his friends bunk off school.
1.05 3/6. The gang set off on their first road trip.
1.30 4/6. Will somehow pulls a popular girl.
2.00 Man Down
In a Christmas special, Dan and friends Jo and Brian venture onto a farm.
2.30 1/6. Series 2.Dan goes on a date.
2.55 2/6. Dan tries to outdo another teacher's assembly during Community Week.
3.25 Embarrassing Bodies Asymmetric breasts.
4.20 Benchmark Game show.
5.10-5.30am Kirstie's
Handmade Treasures

Channel5

6.00am Milkshake
9.30 The Real Face of Santa Claus
Piecing together
the historical clues about St Nicholas.
10.30 Gone with the Wind ★★★★★
Oscar- winning romantic drama, set against the bloodshed and turmoil of the American Civil Wan starring Vivien Leigh, Clark Gable and Leslie Howard.
2.45pm The Dam Busters ★★★★★
Classic Second World War drama about the audacious RAF mission to destroy the Ruhr dams.
5.15 5 News
5.20 Scrooge ★★★★★
The classic British version of Dickens's tale. On Christmas Eve, a mean businessman is visited by three ghosts.
7.00 Christmas Makes You Laugh Out Loud
Featuring caterwauling carol singers, the tantrum to end all tantrums and an extremely long "Tacky Lights Tour". Series producers Tim Clifford and Leon Kay
7.55 Frank Sinatra and Gene Kelly: Ol' Blues Eyes Is Back
In a 1973 TV special, Sinatra returns from a two-year retirement for a concert alongside Gene Kelly.
8.25 Happy Holidays with Frank Sinatra and Bing Crosby
Bing joins in on a selection of seasonal hits, in an episode of The Frank Sinatra Show from 1957. Followed by 5 News Update.
8.55 The Morecambe and Wise Christmas Show
Nostalgic fun with Eric and Ern, featuring celebrity guests including Alvin Stardust.
10.00 Morecambe and Wise's Greatest TV Moments
Memorable sketches and routines from the much-loved duo. Repeated New Year's Day 8pm
11.00 Morecambe and Wise Live! 1973
A rare performance recorded at the Ashcroft Theatre in Croydon, the only live show by the duo to be fully captured on film.
12.30am Scrooge Shown 5.20pm
2.15 SuperCasIno Live gaming.
4.00 Michaela's Wild Challenge Tracking down Africa's five big snakes.
4.25 Divine Designs Churches.
4.45-6.00am House Doctor Highlights.
5.10 A cluttered West Midlands house.
5.35 A colourful property.

Morecambe and Wise's Greatest TV Moments
10.00pm **Channel5**

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FESTIVE Television

Friday, December 25th

The Queen
BBC1 3.00pm

Her Majesty's Christmas Day address to the nation and the Commonwealth.

Madagascar 3: Europe's Most Wanted
12.25pm **BBC1**

Alex, Marty, Melman and Gloria are still struggling to get home to New York. This time, their journey takes them to Europe, where they are relentlessly pursued by the murderous Monaco-based French Animal Control officer Captain Chantel Dubois. As a means of getting passage to North America, the zoo animals join a circus.

BBC1

6.00am Breakfast With Naga Munchetty
9.00 Shrek the Halls
Animated short.
9.20 Clangers
Tiny Clanger has a surprise.
9.35 Danger Mouse: the Snowman Cometh
10.00 LIVE Christmas Day Service from Bath Abbey Led by the Rev Edward Mason.
11.00 The Santa Clause 3: the Escape Clause ★★★
A jealous Jack Frost causes chaos at the North Pole.
12.25pm Madagascar 3: Europe's Most Wanted ★★★
Animated comedy adventure.
1.50 New, Weather
2.00 Top of the Pops Christmas
With Little Mix, Ellie Goulding, Coldplay and the Christmas Number One.
3.00-3.10 The Queen
Her Majesty's address to the nation and Commonwealth.
3.10pm Brave ★★★★
Animated fairy tale. Merida, a tomboy Scottish princess, flees the court when her parents insists she marries. But asking a witch for help brings chaos.
4.45 Stick Man
Julia Donaldson's picture-book character Stick Man is caught up in an animated adventure as he tries to get back to his family for Christmas.
5.15 Doctor Who
The Husbands of River Song. When a crashed spaceship calls upon his help, the Time Lord finds himself launched on a chase across the galaxy. Greg Davies and Matt Lucas guest-star.
6.15 Strictly Come Dancing
Claudia Winkleman and Tess Daly present as previous contestants Abbey Clancy, Harry Judd, Alison Hammond, Cassidy Little, Lisa Snowdon and Tom Chambers compete. With a special appearance from Bruce Forsyth.
7.30 Call the Midwife
1960: a trip to see the Regent Street lights makes it a Christmas to remember for Poplar.
8.45 EastEnders
Ian's hopes of a perfect Christmas fall apart when the Beales and Mitchells end up arguing.
9.45 Mrs Brown's Boys
Mammy's Christmas Punch. In the first of two festive episodes, Agnes resolves to enjoy a peaceful Christmas at home this year.
10.25 Michael McIntyre's Big Christmas Show
With Dara O Briain, Dame Edna Everage, Paul Zerdin, Ellie Goulding and Tom Jones.
11.25 BBC News, Weather.
11.40 Love Came Down at Christmas
David Ogden's new choral setting of the Christina Rossetti poem. Followed by National Lottery Update.
11.45 Comedy Bloopers
A selection of fluffed lines, corpsing and giggles.
12.15am Not Going Out
1.00 Surviving Christmas ★
Comedy starring Ben Affleck. A man pays a family to let him spend Christmas with them.
2.25 Weather
2.30-6.00am BBC News

BBC2

6.00am The Road to El Dorado ★★★
Animated adventure. Two Spanish tricksters search for the city of gold.
7.20 Galapagos: Islands of Change-Natural World
The impact of tourism on the archipelago.
8.20 Herbie Rides Again ★★★
Comedy sequel to The Love Bug with Helen Hayes and Stefanie Powers. Herbie the magical car helps an old lady threatened with eviction.
9.45 The Cat in the Hat ★★
Fantasy comedy adventure. A giant talking cat wreaks havoc.
11.00 Carols from King's
The choir's celebration of Christmas.
12.15pm Climbed Every Mountain: the Story behind The Sound of Music
Sue Perkins discovers the true story behind the real Von Trapp family.
1.15 The Good Life When I'm 65.
Tom ponders the future. George Cole guest-stars. First shown in 1978.
1.45 - 3.05 Frankenweenie ★★★★
Animated fantasy.
A boy resurrects his pet dog.
3.05pm Tim Rice: a Life In Song
Michael Grade hosts a concert celebrating one of the country's most successful musical lyricists.
4.35 Romeo & Juliet
Traditional retelling of Shakespeare's tragedy. Two teenagers struggle to deal with the angst of frustrated love when they are caught on opposite sides of a feud between their families.
6.20 The Queen
Her Majesty's annual address.
6.30 World's Sneakiest Animals
New series. 1/3. The devious tactics some creatures deploy to survive, such as baby birds who disguise themselves as caterpillars. Chris Packham presents.
7.30 Dad's Army
Turkey Dinner Can Captain Mainwaring really be a softie at heart? The struggling senior citizens of Walmington-on-Sea are about to find out.
8.00 The Two Ronnies
A classic festive show of sketches and music.
8.50 Darcey's Ballet Heroes
From dressing rooms and rehearsal studios in London, Copenhagen, New York and beyond, Darcey Bussell embarks on a personal homage to her male dance heroes.
9.50 QI
Stephen Fry conjures up some seasonal merriment in the company of Jenny Eclain Johnny Vegas, Bill Bailey and Alan Davies.
10.20 We're Doomed! Army Dad's Anny Story
Comedy drama about the beginnings of Jimmy Perry and David Croft's writing partnership and their struggle to get the show on TV in 1968.
11.20 Gambit ★★
Comedy caper starring Colin Firth, Cameron Diaz and Alan Rickman. Art curator Harry Deane cooks up a scheme to con his abusive boss into buying a fake Monet.
12.40 - 2.20am The Trouble with Harry ★★★★★
Alfred Hitchcock's black comedy starring Edmund Gwenn and John Forsythe. Harry is dead and his corpse creates havoc among a group of people, all of whom think they were responsible for his demise.

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6.00am CITV
8.25 Weekend at Christmas
Aled Jones chats with Laura Fraser James Morrison and Leona Lewis.
9.25 Santa Claus ★★
Comedy starring Dudley Moore and John Lithgow. An elf sells Santa's secrets.
11.30 Happy Feet ★★★★
Emperor penguins sing and dance in this musical animated adventure.
1.35pm Text Santa: One More Time
Highlights.
2.45 ITV News, weather
3.00 - 3.10 The Queen
Her Majesty's traditional address to the nation and Commonwealth.
3.10pm Cameraman to the Queen
This year in the life of royal cameraman Peter Wilkinson offers a fresh portrait of the Queen.
4.10 Countrywise Winter Wonderland
Ben Fogle climbs Helvellyn with the man whos job it is to battle the elements on the mountain every day. Paul Heiney experiences the stunning landscape of the Peak District from a glider.
5.00 Paul O'Grady: for the Love of Dogs at Christmas
Mr O tries to find homes for a young dachshund cross puppy with a bad heart and a chihuahua born with kneecaps that are back to front.
6.00 ITV Evening News, weather
6.15 You've Been Framed! With Bells On
A pensioner throws fireworks at carol singers, and a Christmas fairy goes up in flames.
6.45 Emmerdale
Belle does nothing to disguise her loathing for Joanie.
7.45 Coronation Street
Tracy has a Christmas to remember. Will David and Kylie make up?.
8.45 Downton Abbey - the Finale
New Year's Eve 1925: romance is in the air at Downton but, for some, the year's end will prove bittersweet.
10.45 Our Cilla
Celebrating the life and career of the much- loved singer and TV host, who died in August.
11.45 ITV News, weather
12.00 Dr No ★★★★★
The first James Bond adventure.
Bond is sent to Jamaica to investigate the killing of a fellow agent and uncovers a plan to hold the USA to ransom by threatening its space programme.
1.50am Murder She Wrote
A death casts a shadow over a wealthy businessman's party.
2.45 The Jeremy Kyle Show USA
3.25 - 6.00am Nightscreen
Text information.

Channel4

5.30am Famous Fred Animation.
5.55 Oilve, the 0ther Reindeer
6.45 Prep & Landing
Emmy-winning animation.
7.05 Prep & Landing: Naughty v Nice
1.30 The Bear
Heart-warming animation.
8.00 A Turtle's Tale: Sammy's Adventures
Animated adventure. An old turtle reflects on his eventful life.
9.40 The Simpsons Triple bill.
11.15 Ice Age: a Mammoth Christmas
11.40 Toy Story Toons
Three animated shorts.
12.10pm Father Christmas
Acclaimed animation.
12.40 The Snowman
Atmospheric animation.
1.15 The Snowman and the Snowdog
1.45 The Muppet Christmas Carol ★★★★ Comedy fantasy. Scrooge is visited by ghosts to help him mend his selfish ways.
3.25 News
3.35 - 3.45 Alternative Christmas Message Channel 4's
3.45pm Scrooged ★★★
Comedy. Frank Cross. the youngest network president in television history, is a man who hates Christmas and plans to exploit the holidays to attract as many viewers as possible, no matter what it takes. However Frank is about to be visited by three unconventional ghosts who will go to any lengths to make him change his mean-spirited ways.
5.45 Home Alone 2: Lost In New York ★★★ Sequel to the hit comedy, starring Macaulay Culkin and Joe Pesci. After becoming separated from his family en route to a Christmas holiday in Florida, Kevin McCallister finds himself alone in New York, where he's destined to meet two old enemies.
8.00 Gogglesprogs
A selection of the nation's children share their honest and often hilarious opinions on the best and worst of the year's TV from the comfort of their own homes, reacting to everything from The Great British Bake Off to the general election and Growing up Wild.
9.00 Alan Carr: Chatty Man
Christmas Special Among those joining Alan on the sofa for festive chat are Catherine Tate's Nan, Keith Lemon, Lorraine Kelly, Emma Willis and Marvin Humes. Music comes from Little Mix and One Direction.
11.00 Eight out of Ten Cats Christmas Special
A host of familiar faces join Jimmy Carr Sean Lock and Jon Richardson as they survey some of the most memorable stories of the year.
12.05am Very British Problems at Christmas
Famous faces share their festive season foul-ups.
1.05 Ferris Bueller's Day Off ★★★★
Comedy starring Matthew Broderick. When Ferris Bueller plays truant from high school, an illicit trip to downtown Chicago involves girlfriend Sloane, best friend Cameron and Cameron's father's prized red Ferrari. Out to foil Ferris are sister Jeanie and Dean of Students Ed Rooney. Will Ferris's luck run out?
2.50 Friday Night Dinner
1/6 Series 3. Adam finally brings a girl home for dinner.
3.15 Gadget Man
Richard Ayoade takes on the British weather braving a hurricane with Tim Vine.
3.40 Tackling the trials of public transport.
4.10 Benchmark
Paddy McGuinness hosts.
4.55 Grand Designs Australia
5.50 - 6.15am How I Met Your Mother

Channel5

6.00am Milkshake!
9.50 André Rieu's Christmas Spectacular
Featuring Silent Night and White Christmas.
10.50 - 1.05pm Scrooge ★★
Musical adaptation of Charles Dickens's A Christmas Carol, starring Albert Finney.
1.05pm Seven Brides for Seven Brothers ★★★★★ Hit musical. A rancher's new wife is horrified to discover that she has to look after his six unruly brothers.
3.10 The Wizard of Oz ★★★★★
Musical fantasy. When a tornado hits Dorothy's home in Kansas, she is whisked off far away into a strange world.
5.10 Michael Bublé's Christmas 2015
The crooner's seasonal soirée comes from LA, with guests including Celine Dion.
6.05 Britain's Favourite Christmas Songs
A countdown featuring many of the best-known Yuletide tunes.
8.50 Chas & Dave's Xmas Knees Up!
This shindig from 1982 sees guests including Eric Clapton, Jimmy Cricket, Jim Davidson, Albert Lee and Lennie Peters joining the cockney duo.
9.40 Britain's Favourite Abba Songs
The catchiest pop melodies and a touch of Swedish melancholy combine on a countdown of 20 of the super troupers' most popular SODQS.
11.05 Sinatra 100: an All-Star Grammy Concert
To mark the centenary of the singer's birth, Grammy winners including Tony Bennett, Garth Brooks, Usher and Alicia Keys join forces on stage.
1.25am Abba: Live In Concert
The band in concert at London's Wembley Arena in November 1979.
2.35 SuperCasino Live gaming.
4.00 Christmas with Britain's Biggest Family
The problems posed by Christmas to large families.
4.45 - 6.00am House Doctor London.
5.10 A three-bedroom home in Durham.
5.35 A house near Leamington.

Chas & Daves Xmas Knees Up!
8.50pm **Channel5**

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FESTIVE Television

Saturday, December 26th

Top Gear: From A-Z
BBC2 8pm

The first half of an alphabetical look at the motoring show. Concludes Wednesday, December 30th at 5pm..

Match of the Day
10.30pm **BBC1**

Highlights of all today's Premier League games, including Chelsea v Watford

BBC1

6.00am Breakfast
With Naga Munchetty.
10.00 Christmas Saturday Kitchen
With chefs Eric Chavot and Pascal Aussignac, Bake Off winner Nadiya Hussain and guest Christopher Biggins.
11.30 James Martin: Home Comforts at Christmas
Transforming leftovers.
12.15pm BBC News, weather
12.25 Football Focus
With Dan Walker. Latest score updates
1.00 Comic Relief 2015: Thanks a Billion!
This year's fundraiser.
2.00 Wallace & Gromit: A Grand Day Out
The animated duo take a trip to the Moon.
2.25 A Grand Night In: The Story of Aardman
A celebration of the animation studio that reveals how Morph, Shaun the Sheep and Wallace and Gromit first came to life.
3.25-4.45 Puss In Boots ★★★★
Animated adventure with the voice of Antonio Banderas. The dashing feline sets off on a quest to find some magic beans.
4.45pm The Croods ★★★
Animated comedy adventure with the voices of Emma Stone, Ryan Reynolds and Nicolas Cage. A prehistoric family trek through hostile territory in search of a new cave.
6.10 Shaun the Sheep: The Farmer's Llamas
In this Aardman Animations treat, Shaun is delighted when some mischievous llamas arrive on the farm, but soon their antics go too far. With the voice of Justin Fletcher
6.40 BBC News
Regional News; Weather
7.00 Dickensian
New series. 1/20. Characters from Charles Dickens's novels provide the inspiration for Tony Jordan's sprawling drama.
7.30 EastEnders
Kat tells Martin that Alfie is still in Spain - unaware he is not far behind her.
8.00 Still Open All Hours
New series. 1/6 Series 2. Granville and Gastric try to get Madge into the festive spirit at a drinks party.
8.30 Dickensian
2/20. Inspector Bucket
investigates a murder.
9.00 And Then There Were None
New series. 1/3. Star-studded adaptation of Agatha Christie's celebrated mystery. Ten strangers are invited to an island off the coast of Devon, but when they arrive, their hosts are nowhere to be seen.
10.00 BBC News, weather
10.20 The National Lottery Live
Collabro perform.
10.30 Match of the Day
Premier League action, including Chelsea v Watford.
12.05am The Guardian
Action adventure starring Kevin Costner and Ashton Kutcher.
2.15 Weather
2.20 - 6.00am BBC News

BBC2

6.00am Race to Super Bowl 50
Action from the week 15 fixtures.
6.50 Flog It!
Making a profit at auction.
7.35 Tom Thumb ★★★★
Fantasy musical starring Russ Tamblyn, Terry-Thomas and Peter Sellers. Two wicked men are intent on using the diminutive Tom in their evil plans.
9.05 Hotel for Dogs ★★★
Two orphaned children open a refuge for stray mutts.
10.35 Ten Pieces II
The BBC Philharmonic Orchestra perform recitals of ten classical works, with help from stars including Christopher Eccleston, James May and Pixie Lott.
11.35 G-Force ★★★
Part-animated action adventure. Specialised guinea pig operatives take on an evil mogul.
1.00pm Attenborough's Big Birds: Natural World
The fascinating range of large flightless birds.
2.00-3.00 Attenborough's Paradise Birds
The extraordinary behaviour of the exotic birds.
3.00pm Bedtime Stories ★★★
Fantasy comedy. A man's tales for some kids have a magical impact on the real world.
4.30 Final Score
A round-up of the classified results.
5.30 Don't Panic! The Dad's Army Story
Victoria Wood's 2000 tribute to the timeless comedy.
6.20 We're Doomed! The Dad's Army Story
Comedy drama.
7.20 Dad's Army
My Brother and I. In the 1975 Boxing Day special of the sitcom, Captain Mainwaring's brother visits.
8.00 Top Gear: From A to Z
1/2. The first half of an alphabetical look at the motoring show. Concludes Wednesday, December 30th at 5pm.
9.00 A Gert Lush Christmas
Comedy drama co-written by and starring Russell Howard. Dan is about to introduce the woman of his dreams to his family. but as they are so quirky, will everything go to plan?
10.00 Country Strife: Abz on the Farm Christmas Special
A tumultuous year ends for the former 5ive rapper and his singer/songwriter girlfriend Vicky Fallon.
10.30 Backchat End of Year Show
Celebrity guests help Jack Whitehall and his father Michael look back at events of the last 12 months.
11.15 Kinky Boots ★★★
Comedy drama based on a true story. Charlie restores the fortunes of a shoe factory by making reinforced heels for transvestites.
1.00am Marnie ★★★★
Alfred Hitchcock's psychological drama with Tippi Hedren and Sean Connery. A publisher forces a beautiful thief into a loveless marriage, but why did she become a kleptomaniac?
3.05-4.40am Sign Zone: The Ecstasy of Wilko Johnson ★★★★★
After being diagnosed with pancreatic cancen Dr Feelgood musician Wilko Johnson was determinedto live out his remaining months playing music. In director Julien Temple's documentary, Johnson discusses what he believed was his impending death.

ITV1

6.00am CITV
9.25 Elf: Buddy's Musical Christmas
Stop-motion animated adventure based on the film Elf.
10.25 You've Been Framed!
Lookalike clips, including Matthew Kelly's unusual tattoo-removal method.
10.55 Back to the Future Part III ★★★★
Comedy adventure sequel with Michael J Fox. Marty McFly must travel to the Wild West of 1885 to save Doc.
1.05pm ITV News Weather
1.20-3.40 Jurassic Park ★★★★★
Adventure starring Sam Neill, Laura Dern, Jeff Goldblum and Richard Attenborough. Mayhem breaks loose on an island populated by genetically engineered dinosaurs.
3.40pm Midsomer Murders
Dance with the Dead. Barnaby and Jones investigate a suspicious death, initially thought to be suicide, in the village of Morton Fendle.
5.40 ITV News Weather.
6.00 The Nation's Favourite Disney Song
A tribute to the enduringly tuneful tracks that have represented the very best of Disney over the decades. Songs featured include hummable hits from the likes of The Jungle Book, Frozen, Mary Poppins and The Lion King. Stephen Mulhern narrates.
7.00 Surprise Surprise
Emotions are sure to run high as Olympic gold medal-winning rower James Cracknell shares a few tips with an injured soldier who is about to cross the Atlantic and two people who spend all year helping the needy are recognised for their efforts. One Direction make the dreams of a young heart transplant survivor come true, and a brother and sister who haven't spent Christmas together for 25 years are reunited.
8.00 Peter & Wendy
In this fantasy inspired by Peter Pan, Lucy, a young girl with a heart condition, is admitted to Great Ormond Street Hospital for an operation. There she makes a connection to JM Barrie's story of the boy who wouldn't grow up and is soon whisked away to her own magical Neverland.
10.05 The Jonathan Ross Show
11/11. The host presents a special in which, in addition to charming his guests with his chat, he also invites them to take part in some light-hearted games - and springs a few surprises too.
11.10 ITV News weather.
11.25 From Russia with Love ★★★★★
In the second James Bond film, 007 is sent to Istanbul to help a Russian diplomat defect to the West with an important cipher machine. However, he is unaware that he is being drawn into a trap.
1.25am Jackpot247
Interactive gaming.
3.00 Murder, She Wrote
Jessica executes the will of an eccentric recluse.
3.50-6.00am Nightscreen
Text information.

Channel4

5.50am How I Met Your Mother
6.15 Ramona and Beezus ★★★
Comedy about a girl who has a chance to shine when her dad is made redundant.
8.00 The Morning Line Nick Luck presents.
9.00 The Big Bang Theory
10.25 The Simpsons Double bill.
11.25 Fantastic Mr Fox ★★★★
Animated comedy adventure featuring the voice of George Clooney. Mr Fox is tempted to resume his old poaching ways.
1.10-3.30pm LIVE Racing
The King George VI Chase is the feature race at Kempton Park at 3.10, plus there are other starts at 1.25, 2.00 and 2.35, and one race from Wetherby at 1.45. More tomorrow 1.10pm.
3.30pm Home Alone 3 ★★★
Comedy. Young Master Pruitt is at home with chicken pox, but he's not going to be alone for long. Following a baggage mix-up, a stolen computer chip is hidden in one of his toys and four spies are determined to get it back.
5.25 Channel 4 News; Sport; Weather
5.35 The Secret Life of Children at Christmas
Children from the original Secret Life of Four-Year Olds, including Skyla and Cuba, reunite to put on their own version of the Nativity play along with some of the children from the current series. While Cuba struggles to work collaboratively, five-year-olds Emily and Alfie resume their friendship as they prepare to play sheep.
6.30 Britain's Favourite Children's Books with David Walliams
The comic and writer counts down the best children's stories while celebrities, including Rob Brydon, Miranda Hart, Meera Syal and Rufus Hound, recall their childhood literary loves. Writers, including Michael Bond, Judith Kern Lauren Childs and Dame Jacqueline Wilson, chat about their work and Sir Quentin Blake reveals how he brings Roald Dahl's tales to life. Extracts from the top 50, including Treasure Island, Just William and The Hobbit, are read by Julie Walters and Martin Freeman.
8.00 Inside Lego at Christmas
A seasonal look behind the scenes at the superbrand. With more than half of all sales coming in the last three months of the year, the staff at the Lego factory are gearing up for a hectic time as new lines are created to take advantage of the lucrative Christmas market. We also hear the story of the Addis family, who have built a huge sculpture with the famous bricks in their Cambridgeshire living room every December for the last 20 years.
9.00 The Big Fat Quiz of the Year
Rob Brydon, Sue Perkins, David Mitchell, Claudia Winkleman, Greg Davies and Jo Brand are challenged by Jimmy Carr to show exactly how much notice they've been taking over the last 12 months. Helping the host with the task are Simon Pegg, Heston Blumenthal, Olly Murs, Rita Ora, Charles Dance and Jon Snow. Director Mick Thomas; Series producer Ben Knappett.
11.05 Rude Tube Christmas Cracker
Alex Zane presents a compilation of 50 festive internet clips.
12.10am Alan Carr: Chatty Man Christmas Special
Catherine Tate's Nan, Keith Lemon, Lorraine Kelly, Emma Willis and Marvin Humes guest.
2.05 Rude Tube
Clips on love and marriage.
3.00 Hollyoaks Omnibus.
5.10-6.05am Location, Location, Location

Channel5

6.00am Milkshake!
9.10 The Saturday Show
TV and film releases.
11.10 The Dog Rescuers
A dog is helped to cope with Christmas.
12.10-3.15pm The Secret Life of Marilyn Monroe ★★
Kelli Garner stars in a biopic about the star's private world.
3.15pm Diana ★★
Fact-based drama. With her marriage to Prince Charles now over, Diana, Princess of Wales immerses herself in a campaign to rid Africa of land mines and believes she has found happiness with heart surgeon Hasnat Khan.
5.05 One Chance ★★★
Comedy based on a true story. Bullied at school and humiliated by his dad, Paul Potts finds solace in music, leading to an appearance on Britain's Got Talent.
7.05 Christmas Makes You Laugh Out Loud
A look at some of the seasonal clips that have made a mark online. Presented by Iain Lee.
8.05 Chas & Dave's Xmas Knees Up!
A shindig from 1982, with guests including Eric Clapton, Jimmy Cricket, Jim Davidson and Albert Lee.
9.00 Football League Tonight
Kelly Cates and George Riley introduce highlights from the Championship and Leagues One and Two. Today's menu includes Hull City v Burnley and Derby County v Fulham.
10.30 Most Shocking Christmas TV Moments
Another cringe-fest of moments gleaned from the past 50 years of seasonal broadcasting. Eamonn Holmes, Toyah Willcox, Anne Diamond, Steve Punt and Mike Read are among those commenting on the catalogue of disasters - many of which they were involved in themselves.
12.30am Can't Pay? We'll Take It Away!
13/13 Series 3. A Crystal Palace family made homeless by their landlord.
1.25 SuperCasino
Live gaming.
3.10 Kids' Hospital at Christmas: Revisited
A catch-up with the youngsters who featured in last year's festive series.
4.00 Chris Tarrant on the Polar Express
3/6 Series 2. A 2,000-mile railway trip from Moscow to Arctic Siberia.
4.50-5.45am Make It Big
The raffle money goes missing.
5.15 The first-ever episode.

The Secret Life of Marilyn Monroe
12.10-3.15pm **Channel5**

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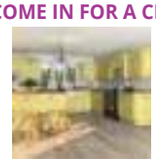
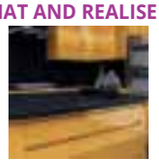

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FESTIVE Television

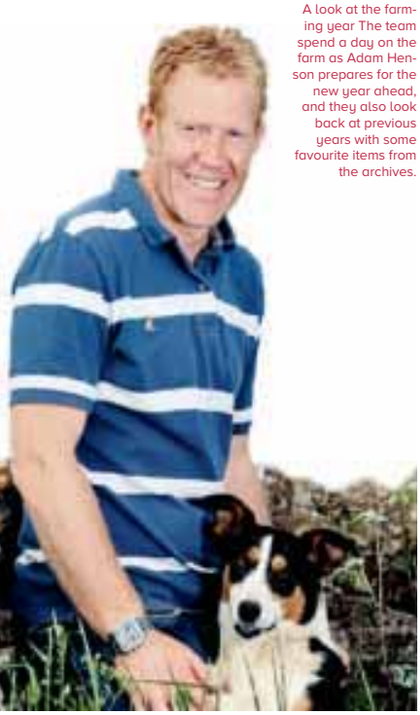
Sunday, December 27th

Still Open All Hours BBC1 8.00pm

Granville is having a cut-price sale but only on old stock, not the boiled ham or new inflatable underwear support system on special promotion

Countryfile 6.30pm BBC1

A look at the farming year The team spend a day on the farm as Adam Henson prepares for the new year ahead, and they also look back at previous years with some favourite items from the archives.



BBC1

6.00an Breakfast
Roger Johnson, Naga Munchetty.
7.40 Match of the Day
9.15 Flushed Away ★★★
Animated comedy adventure with the voices of Hugh Jackman and Kate Winslet.
10.35 Megamind ★★★★
Animated comedy adventure with the voices of Will Ferrell and Brad Pitt.
12.00 Bargain Hunt
In Grimsthorpe, Lincolnshire.
1.00pm BBC News weather
for the Week Ahead
1.15 Songs of Praise
Stories from the past year.
1.50 - 4.05 Mary Poppins ★★★★★
Disney musical comedy starring Julie Andrews. London banker George Banks's search for a nanny to take care of his two naughty and unhappy children comes unstuck when Mary Poppins and her magic umbrella glide into their lives.
4.05pm Oz the Great and Powerful ★★★ Fantasy prequel to The Wizard of Oz. After being caught in a terrifying tornado, travelling magician Oscar Diggs finds himself in a fantastical land where his dodgy carnival con-tricks convince the inhabitants that he is a powerful wizard.
6.05 BBC News
Regional News; Weather.
6.30 Countryfile
A look at the farming year The team spend a day on the farm as Adam Henson prepares for the new year ahead, and they also look back at previous years with some favourite items from the archives.
Including Weather for the Week Ahead.
7.30 Dickensian
3/20. Bucket goes to see his old enemy, Fagin, convinced he is involved in Marley's murder. Following a lead he goes after Fagin's henchman Bill Sikes. Frances sees a way of scuppering her sister's plans. Continues 8.30pm.
8.00 Still Open All Hours
2/6 Series 2. Granville is having a cut-price sale but only on old stock, not the boiled ham or new inflatable underwear support system on special promotion.
8.30 Dickensian
4/20. At the Havisham New Year's party, Amelia is delighted to see her brother Arthur but is perturbed by an uninvited guest. Frances rekindles an old friendship hoping it may be more. Continues New Year's Day 8.30pm.
9.00 And Then There Were None
2/3. The guests on Soldier Island are dying, one by one, according to the lines of the nursery rhyme Ten Little Soldier Boys. As they make plans to thwart the killer the body count continues to rise. Continues tomorrow 9pm.
10.00 BBC News
Regional News; Weather.
10.25 Catherine Tate's Nan
1/2. The first of two specials featuring the foul-mouthed pensioner Nan's aggressive attitude gets her into trouble with the police.
11.00 Miranda Hart: My What I Call Live Show
A performance filmed at London's O2 Arena.
12.00 Ghost Town ★★★
Supernatural romantic comedy with Ricky Gervais. When a Manhattan dentist wakes up after briefly dying during an operation, he realises he has the ability to see dead people.
1.35am Weather for the Week Ahead
1.40-6.00am BBC News

BBC2

6.20am Big Dreams Small Spaces
Monty Don helps create gardens inspired by Norway and Japan.
7.20 Countryfile: Cornish Coastal Christmas
Festive reports from Cornwall.
8.15 A Man for All Seasons ★★★★
Oscar-winning historical drama starring Paul Scofield. When Henry VIII declares himself head of the English church, he seeks the approval of only one man, his chancellor Sir Thomas More.
10.15 Saturday Kitchen
Best Bites Highlights.
11.45 The Hairy Bikers and Lorraine Pascale: Cooking the Nation's Favourite Food
The cooks offer their twists on the UK's ten best-loved meals.
12.45pm The Secret Life of Mary Poppins a Culture Show Special
The life of author PL Travers who wrote the children's classic. With Victoria Coren Mitchell.
1.45 - 3.20 The Cockleshell Heroes ★★★★ Second World War drama directed by and starring José Ferrer with Trevor Howard.
3.20pm The Heroes of Telemark ★★★
Wartime thriller starring Kirk Douglas and Richard Harris. Occupied Norway 1942: a team of resistance fighters undertakes the vital and dangerous mission to destroy a heavy-water plant to prevent the Nazis producing an atomic bomb.
5.25 Porridge
No Way Out. Fletch discovers his fellow inmates at Slade Prison are planning to escape and decides to hide in the hospital so he can't be blamed when the tunnel is discovered. The Christmas edition of the classic comedy from 1975, starring Ronnie Barker.
6.10 Deep Impact ★★★★
Sci-fi drama starring Robert Duvall, Téa Leoni and Morgan Freeman. A reporter believes that she has discovered a sex scandal in the US government. As it turns out, "Ele" isn't a mistress, but something used to describe an event so cataclysmic that it could destroy the planet.
8.00 Dragons' Den
In a one-off episode, the Dragons turn 50 shades of angry over a product that promises to banish grey hairs, and they get more than they bargained for when a zombie boot camp business turns the Den into a little shop of horrors.
9.00 Gorilla Family and Me
2/2. Wildlife cameraman Gordon Buchanan has now been reunited with his gorilla family in the Democratic Republic of Congo but finds they face a new threat - there are poachers in the forest.
10.00 U2: Innocence and Experience Live in Paris
A restaging of the concert that had been due to take place on 14 November but was cancelled following the Paris terrorist attacks. Staged in the round, there are multiple performance areas in a concert showcasing U2's latest album Songs of Innocence, featuring Iris, Cedarwood Road and Song for Someone - as well as a selection of their hits.
12.15am Telstar: the Joe Meek Story ⁑⁑⁑ Biographical drama starring Con O'Neill and Kevin Spacey. In the 19605, music producer Joe Meek invented new methods of recording that resulted in a string of hit records. But behind the genius there was a troubled soul who could be prone to violent outbursts, which would ultimately lead to tragedy.
2.10 - 5.05am Sign Zone
2.10 Countryfile
3.05 Holby City
4.05 Cue the Queen:

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6.00am CITV
8.25 Weekend at Christmas
Aled Jones's guests include Rafe Spall and the Corrs.
9.25 Countrywise Rural reports.
9.55 Celebrity Squares
Guests include Frank Skinner Nina Wadia, Katherine Kelly and Aisling Bea.
10.40 Superman ★★★★★
Christopher Reeve stars as the Man of Steel in the epic fantasy adventure. A baby from planet Krypton is sent to Earth by his father and found in the American Midwest. He grows up to become reporter Clark Kent, a man with superhuman powers.
1.30pm ITV News
Weather; Regional Weather
1.4 - 3.35 Mr Magorium's Wonder Emporium ★★
Fantasy comedy drama starring Natalie Portman and Dustin Hoffman.
3.35pm Midsomer Murders
The Axeman Cometh. A string of bizarre warnings convinces a paranoid rock singer that someon is trying to stop the reunion of his band.
5.30 Regional News Weather
5.45 ITV News Weather
6.00 You've Been Framed! With Bells On
Comedy clips including a fairy going up in flames.
6.30 Jekyll and Hyde
9/10. The Incubus. Robert seeks sanctuary at the Jezequiel House in the country and takes Olalla and Ravi with him. But he discovers that a monster has got there first.
7.30 10/10. The Heart of Lord Trash
A revived Dance launches an attack on MIO to complete his mission and resurrect Lord Trash, while Robert discovers that one of his friends has deceived him.
8.30 Harry Price: Ghost Hunter
Drama starring Rafe Spall as Britain's most famed real-life ghost hunter When MP's wife Grace Goodwin is found naked on a London street, Harry Price is summoned to investigate claims that her house is haunted. Housemaid Sarah Grey helps Harry uncover a dark history surrounding the Goodwin's Finchley home. Can he find a rational explanation for the haunting, or is there more to this case than even he can understand?
10.30 ITV News
Weather; Regional Weather
10.45 Through the Christmas Keyhole
Stephen Mulhern, Claudia Winkleman and Jimmy Carr try to identify the owners of the homes Keith Lemon has been snooping in.
11.45 Rugby Union
Premiership action including Harlequins against Gloucester and Wasps v Saracens.
12.35am Jackpot247
Interactive gaming.
3.00 The Jeremy Kyle Show USA
3.40 Nightscreen Text information.
5.05 - 6.00am The Jeremy Kyle Show

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6.05am Flicka 2 ★★
Drama starring Tammin Sursok and Patrick Warburton.
7.40 Paws ★★★
Comedy adventure starring Billy Connolly as the voice of a computer-literate Jack Russell dog. Director Karl Zwicky
9.20 Sunday Brunch
With guests Hugh Fearnley- Whittingstall, Johnny Vegas and Kym Marsh.
12.20pm The Simpsons Double bill.
1.10 - 3.35 LIVE Racing
Starts from Chepstow are at 1.25,1.55, 2.35 and 3.10, and from Kempton Park at 1.40, 2.15 and 2.50. Nick Luck and Rishi Persad present.
3.35pm Hugo ★★★
Fantasy adventure. An orphan boy who lives in a Paris railway station befriends an old man while trying to repair a mysterious automaton.
5.55 Channel 4 News; Sport; Weather
6.00 Celebrity Fifteen to One
Comedian Adam Hills holds all the answers as he hosts a festive edition of the quiz show, with a prize for the charity chosen by the celebrity who wins.
7.00 Million Pound Motors
Exploring the vintage car trade, and following salesman Richard Biddulph as he tries to sell rare and expensive vehicles to wealthy customers. Richard is determined to acquire an extremely valuable collection of rare cars worth millions, while his apprentice Paul Fox is more concerned with securing his first sale. However keeping their demanding clients happy proves a challenge.
8.00 Walking the Himalayas
New series. 1/4. Explorer Levison Wood attempts to walk the entire length of the Himalayas. Starting in Afghanistan, he will push himself to his limits as he treks 1,700 miles across the roof of the world, teaming up with local guides and meeting soldiers, monks and nomadic tribes. As well as tackling seemingly impassable natural obstacles and suffering altitude sickness, Levison has to tread carefully through one of the most fought-over areas of the world.
9.00 Homeland
12/12 Series 5. A False Glimmer The clock is running out fast in this final episode.
10.00 Eight out of Ten Cats Does Countdown Christmas Special
Guests include Johnny Vegas, Katherine Ryan and David O'Doherty. Jimmy Carr is the host.
11.00 The Inbetweeners 2
Comedy sequel. When Jay describes Australia as "the sex capital of the world", Neil, Will and Simon can't wait to pay him a visit.
12.55am The Inbetweeners
5/6 Series 1. The lads visit a Camber Sands caravan club meeting.
1.25 6/6. Will organises the Christmas prom.
1.55 5/6 Series 2. Will tries to snare a university student.
2.20 6/6. The friends prepare for their exams.
2.50 That Touch of Mink ★★★
Romantic comedy starring Cary Grant and Doris Day.
4.30 Benchmark
Paddy McGuinness hosts.
5.15 - 6.10am Location, Location, Location
Two couples who wanted a dream life in the country.

Channel5

5.45am Milkshake!
10.15 Football League Tonight
11.45 Cromwell ★★★★
Historical drama starring Richard Harris and Alec Guinness. The divide between Oliver Cromwell and King Charles I becomes a feud that takes them from Parliament into a full-scale battle.
2.25 - 4.45pm The Searchers ★★★★★
Classic western starring John Wayne. John Ford's masterpiece tells the story of Ethan Edwards and his five-year Search for the last surviving member of his family - a young girl.
4.45pm Escape to Victory ★★★
Second World War drama. As a propaganda stunt, the Nazis arrange a football match between the national German team and a squad made up of prisoners of wan However the PoW team see the game as a chance to escape.
7.00 World's Strongest Man
The finals begin in Malaysia, where events include the kettlebell throw and atlas stones. British hopes rest on the broad shoulders of the likes of Eddie Hall and Mark Felix, both veterans of the competition.
7.55 5 News
8.00 On Benefits: Cashing in for Christmas
Christmas for people living on state welfare. Single mother Marie struggles to buy presents for her eight children, but receives good news about a bigger home, while best mates Bennett and Stevo rummage through bins for the food that shops in Nuneaton throw away.
9.00 Most Shocking Celebrity Moments
A glimpse back at another year of incidents involving celebrities. Some, like Justin Bieber and Miley Cyrus, continued courting controversy as they grew up under the public gaze. Jeremy Clarkson, meanwhile, discovered disputes on location are not a good career move. Madonna was swept off her feet in that Armani cape, and Caitlyn Jenner announced her arrival in the transgender community with a cover for Vanity Fair.
11.55 The Last Hours of Robin Williams
Forensic pathologist Dr Richard Shepherd investigates the death of the actor and comedian, whose body was discovered at his San Francisco home in August 2014.
12.55am SuperCasino Live gaming.
3.10 A Primary School Nativity
Life at Gascoigne Primary School in Barking during the build-up to Christmas.
4.00 House Doctor
A bland property near Leamington Spa, Warwickshire.
4.25-5.45am Make It Big
Things are not going to plan for Graham.
4.50 The youngsters organise an auction.
5.20 Simon and Jamie annoy Chris

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FESTIVE Television

Monday, December 28th

Eastenders BBC1 8.00pm
Dean's drunken behaviour spirals out of control. Next episode tomorrow 7.30pm.

The Gruffalo
3.55pm **BBC1**
Animation that tells the tale of a plucky mouse who invents a monster to help overcome predators.

BBC1

6.00am Breakfast
Louise Minchin, Bill Turnbull.
9.00 Bee Movie ★★★★
Animated comedy. Pollen jock Barry B Benson becomes lost and breaks bee law when he talks to a florist.
10.20 Old Jack's Boat Special: Storm In a Teacup
Clumsy Ernie ruins plans for a tea festival.
11.00 Bolt ★★★★
Animated comedy adventure. A canine TV star thinks he's a real hero, until an accident reveals the truth.
12.30pm Bargain Hunt
In Peterborough.
1.10 BBC News
Weather; Regional News
1.30 Father Brown
2/10 Series 1. The priest investigates a supposed drowning. Mark Williams stars.
2.20-3.55 Cool Runnings ★★★★
Sports comedy, based on a true story, starring John Candy. A sprinter forms Jamaica's first-ever Olympic bobsleigh team.
3.55pm The Gruffalo
Animation that tells the tale of a plucky mouse who invents a monster to help overcome predators.
4.25 Madagascar ★★★
Animated comedy adventure featuring the voices of Ben Stiller Chris Rock and David Schwimmer. A zebra called Marty tries to escape his comfortable existence at the Central Park Zoo and return to the wild.
5.45 Pointless
Quiz show presented by Alexander Armstrong.
6.30 BBC News
Regional News; Weather.
7.00 Celebrity Mastermind
4/10. Tom Kerridge, Steph Houghton, Rob Delaney and Dominic Wood are quizzed on Oasis, TOWIE, John Belushi and Harry Houdini.
7.30 Wallace & Gromit: A Matter of Loaf and Death
The duo are plying a roaring trade with their bakery business. But a killer is targeting bakers.
8.00 EastEnders
Dean's drunken behaviour spirals out of control. Next episode tomorrow 7.30pm.
8.30 Miranda The Final Curtain.
The shopkeeper makes one final attempt to accept herself and find contentment.
9.05 And Then There Were None
3/3. The surviving guests of Soldier Island are in danger of losing their minds. With the likelihood of survival rapidly diminishing, they must turn to one another for protection.
10.05 BBC News
Regional News; Weather.
10.30 Match of the Day
Including Manchester United v Chelsea at Old Trafford and Arsenal v Bournemouth at the Emirates Stadium.
12.00 Lewis Hamilton: Making History - F1 Review
A look back at this year's championship.
1.00am Weather for the Week Ahead
1.05 - 6.00am BBC News

BBC2

6.15am Homes under the Hammer
A Kent pad.
7.15 Escape to the Continent
A Wiltshire couple who want to move to Dubrovnik, Croatia.
7.45-8.45 Sign Zone This Wild Life
6/10. Saba Douglas-Hamilton is on the lookout for newborn lion cubs.
8.15 7/10. Saba's guests are stranded in the midst of a scorching African summer
8.45 Ivanhoe ★★★★
Medieval adventure starring Robert Taylor, Elizabeth Taylor and Joan Fontaine.
10.30 The Hairy Bikers' Northern Exposure
Simon rustles up delicious pastries in Finland.
11.30 The Great Pottery Throw Down
4/6. The potters craft a 5ft garden sculpture out of clay.
12.30pm Les Dawson Talking Comedy
A selection of the comedian's appearances on BBC shows.
1.00 The Bear Family and Me
Cameraman Gordon Buchanan heads to the forests of Minnesota.
2.00 Coast Exploring the Irish Sea.
3.00 Atlantic: the Wildest Ocean on Earth
How the Gulf Stream serves as a migration superhighway
4.00-4.30 Flog It!
A Regency tea caddy in Stroud.
4.30pm Final Score
A round-up of the classified football results.
5.30 The Clare Balding Sports Show
2/10 Series 2. Clare is joined by two-time Olympic champion cyclist Geraint Thomas, former F1 driver Mark Webber and jump jockey AP McCoy.
6.00 What Women Want ★★★★
Romantic comedy. Chauvinist advertising executive Nick Marshall is horrified when the promotion he thought would be his goes to a woman. But everything changes after he suffers a freak accident and discovers that he can hear the thoughts of every woman around him.
8.00 Christmas University Challenge
6/10. In the penultimate first-round match, the University of Aberdeen, featuring broadcaster Nicky Campbell and Scottish Labour leader Kezia Dugdale, vies with Sheffield University's past pupils, including science presenter Adam Hart and thriller writer Nicci Gerrard.
8.30 Only Connect
The Wayfarers and Bookworms return for a fourth and concluding quarter-final match, drawing on patience and inspiration to make links between groups of four things that may at first appear to be unconnected.
9.00 Behind the Candelabra ★★★★
Biographical drama. When Liberace is introduced to young Scott Thorson in 1977, the flamboyant pianist is already one of the most famous entertainers in the world. Scott is at first seduced and then overpowered by the larger-than-life character and his opulent lifestyle. But their six-year relationship is volatile and is kept secret from Liberace's adoring fans.
10.50 Two Doors Down One-off
comedy. Family, friends and neighbours descend on Beth and Eric, ruining their Hogmanay as secrets are revealed, scores settled and a gazebo is destroyed.
11.50 Dragons' Den
12.50-3.50am Sign Zone
12.50 The Apprentice: The Final
2.50 Doctor Who: The Husbands of River Song.

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6.00am CITV
9.25 Dickinson's Real Deal
From Wilmslow.
10.30 Judge Rinder
Real-life legal disputes
11.30 Who's Doing the Dishes?
Singer Alexander O'Neal plays dinner host to four strangers.
12.30pm Catchphrase
Game show.
1.15 Lunchtime News
Regional News; Weather.
1.30 Our Cilla
Celebrating the life of the much-loved singer and TV presenter
2.30-3.30 Surprise Surprise
With Olympic rowing gold medallist James Cracknell.
3.30pm Midsomer Murders
The Dark Rider. When Bentham De-Quetteville falls to his death from a roof after seeing a headless horseman, his family seem more concerned about their forthcoming Civil War re-enactment.
5.30 Hedgehog Hotel
With hedgehog numbers in steep decline, this documentary follows the progress of some of the prickly fellows as they're prepared for a return to the wild after being rescued.
6.25 Regional News weather
6.45 ITV Evening News Weather
7.00 Emmerdale
Zak tries to undo the damage he's caused.
7.30 Coronation Street
Carla is concerned when Johnny drags her back to his flat to talk. Continues 8.30pm.
8.00 Countrywise
8/8 Series 7. Liz Bonnin travels to Formby to take part in the National Trust's biggest coastal wildlife survey, and Paul Heiney learns about engines at the Great Dorset Steam Fair.
8.30 Coronation Street
Carla is staggered by a revelation from Johnny.
9.00 John Bishop's Gorilla Adventure
The comedian joins the Gorilla Doctors, a group of vets dedicated to saving the 880 mountain gorillas left in the wild. The vets trek for hours each day through mud and rain in the forests of Rwanda to monitor the health of every gorilla, treating them expertly at the first sign of illness or injury.
10.00 ITV News at Ten Weather
10.15 The Holiday ★★
Romantic comedy starring Cameron Diaz, Kate Winslet, Jude Law and Jack Black. Workaholic Amanda exchanges her California home for the remote Surrey cottage of journalist Iris. However, the swap soon leads to romantic entanglements for the two women.
12.45am Jackpot247
Interactive gaming.
3.00 The Jeremy Kyle Show
3.55 Nightscreen
Text information.
5.05-6.00am The Jeremy Kyle Show

Channel4

6.10am Small Animal Hospital
A young mare needs surgery and a spaniel is diagnosed with meningitis.
6.50 See Spot Run ★★★
Comedy with David Arquette. FBI superdog Agent 11 deprives a Mob smuggler of part of his body.
8.35 The Big Bang Theory
Triple bill.
10.05 Judy Moody and the Not Bummer Summer ★
Comedy. A schoolgirl spends summer with her aunt.
11.50 The Simpsons Triple bill.
1.15pm Marmaduke ★★★
Canine comedy. Great Dane Marmaduke moves to a new home in California.
2.55-4.25 Stuart Little 2 ★★★
Fantasy adventure. The mouse loses his heart to a bird called Margalo.
4.25pm Mirror Mirror ★★
Fantasy adventure retelling the Snow White story. A feisty princess returns to claim her birthright when her wicked stepmother banishes her from the kingdom.
6.30 Channel 4 News; Sport; Weather
6.35 Hollyoaks
The pressure is at fever pitch for Lisa.
7.05 A Frozen Christmas
The world of decorative ice is big business and is expected to see a 50 per cent increase over the festive period. This documentary showcases the talents of pioneering performance ice sculptors, who demonstrate their craft in flamboyant shows and challenge world records, before discovering just how exclusive and expensive frozen water can be.
8.00 The World's Most Expensive Food
New Yorker Jerry Toth is attempting to break into Britain's lucrative luxury food market with his To'ak chocolate, which costs £195. Each bar comes with a wooden box, a 100-page booklet and a pair of tasting tweezers. He pitches to a chocolate retailer, wealthy discerning customers and finally to Harrods. Will he find any takers?
9.00 Gogglebox 2015
Armchair critics, including lovable Leon and June, "posh couple" Steph and Dom, hairdressers Christopher and Stephen, and Brixton women Sandy and Sandra provide the audience with a recap of the past 12 months on the small screen, from Saturday-night entertainment to the week's big soap storylines. and gritty dramas to hard-hitting documentaries.
10.35 Tattoo Fixers
A look at how more ill-advised body art is transformed, with tattooists Jay and Sketch, who are now joined by Alice in the pop-up parlour. Jordan wants to camouflage the tattoo he had done to win an argument and calls on Jay to create a tribute to his grandfather, while Alice covers a likeness of a cringeworthy celebrity crush.
11.40 David Blaine: Real or Magic
The magician pays a visit to Stephen Hawking's office - but will his seemingly impossible antics hoodwink the renowned theoretical physicist?
12.50am The Omen ★★★★
Horror starring Gregory Peck. An infant turns out to be the Antichrist.
2.45 The China Syndrome ★★★★
Political drama starring Jane Fonda. A TV reporter lifts the lid on a government cover-up.
4.45 Benchmark
Paddy McGuinness hosts.
5.35-6.05am Gadget Man

Channel5

5.45am Milkshake!
9.50 World's Strongest Man
Shown yesterday 7pm
10.50 An American In Paris ★★★★
Musical starring Gene Kelly. A painter falls in love with a poor orphan.
1.00-3.55pm Anchors Aweigh ★★★
Musical starring Gene Kelly and Frank Sinatra. Joe and Clarence, two sailors on shore leave, stumble across a small boy and his beautiful aunt.
3.55pm High Society ★★★★
Musical comedy. Time is short if playboy composer CK Dexter-Haven is to reclaim his beautiful ex-wife Tracy Lord before she marries another.
6.00 Loch Lomond: A Year in the Wild
1/4. In spring, the mountain hares try to avoid the hungry golden eagles.
6.55 World's Strongest Man
In heat two of the grand final, Hafthor "Thor" Biornsson (aka Game of Thrones' mighty Mountain) takes part alongside British hope Graham Hicks and America's Josh Thigpen.
7.50 5 News
8.00 Building the Ice Hotel
The annual task of turning 30,000 tons of snow and 10,000 tons of ice into northern Sweden's ICEHOTEL.
Followed by 5 News Update
9.00 The Frank Sinatra Story
Continuing the channel's celebration of the late singen this profile, filmed from a British perspective, charts Sinatra's career from boy singer in Hoboken, New Jersey, to superstar.
10.00 Frank Sinatra Live in New York
A 1974 show at Madison Square Garden in which the singer performs classics including All the Way, The Lady is a Tramp, I've Got You Under My Skin, My Kind of Town and My Way.
11.00 Frank Sinatra and Gene Kelly: Ol' Blue Eyes Is Back
In a 1973 TV special, the duo perform including You Will Be My Music and We Can't Do That Anymore.
11.35 Happy Holidays with Frank Sinatra and Bing Crosby
A festive episode of The Frank Sinatra Show from 1957.
12.05am Football League Tonight
1.35 SuperCasino
Live gaming.
3.10 The Dog Rescuers
Alan Davies hosts a party for some of the show's stars.
4.00 Michaela's Wild Challenge
4.25 Divine Designs
Postwar ecclesiastical architecture.
4.50-6.00am House Doctor
Revamping a property in Newcastle-under-Lyme.
5.10 A home in Henley-on-Thames.
5.35 A cottage in Durham.

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FESTIVE Television

Tuesday December 29th

David Beckham: For the Love of the Game

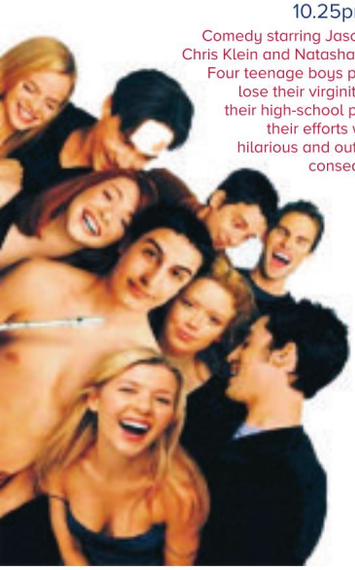
BBC1 9.00pm

The former England captain combines passions as he kicks a ball around the globe. He plays a football match on all seven continents in under ten days, ending with a fundraising all-star match at Old Trafford, all in aid of Unicef. En route he meets tribal people in Papua New Guinea, schoolchildren in Nepal, refugees in Djibouti and plays with a team of international scientists in Antarctica.

American Pie

10.25pm **ITV1**

Comedy starring Jason Biggs, Chris Klein and Natasha Lyonne. Four teenage boys pledge to lose their virginity before their high-school prom, but their efforts will have hilarious and outrageous consequences.



BBC1

6.00am Breakfast
Sally Nugent, Bill Turnbull.
7.30 Match of the Day
9.00 Shark Tale ★★★
Animated comedy adventure, with the voices of Will Smith and Robert De Niro.
10.20 Cars 2 ★★★
Animated comedy with the voices of Owen Wilson and Michael Caine. Lightning McQueen gets mixed up in espionage.
12.00 Bargain Hunt From Edinburgh.
12.45pm BBC News
Weather; Regional News.
1.10 Father Brown
1/10 Series I. A man is murdered at the unveiling ofa new church clock. Fifties-set crime drama with Mark Williams.
2.00 - 4.00 National Treasure ★★
Action adventure starring Nicolas Cage and Jon Voight.
4.00pm The Gruffalo's Child
One wild and windy night, the Gruffalo's daughter goes out and searches for the big, bad mouse.
4.25 Madagascar: Escape 2 Africa ★★
Animated comedy sequel. The escaped animals try to fly back from Madagascar but are forced down in the wilds of Africa.
5.45 Pointless Quiz show.
6.30 BBC News
Regional News; Weather.
7.00 Celebrity Mastermind
5/10. Vincent Franklin, Chris Warburton, Graham Fellowes and Christian Malcolm take to the chain.
7.30 EastEnders
Shirley makes a shocking discovery about Dean. Next episode New Year's Day 6.30pm.
8.00 Holby City
Beginnings. Serena resigns herself to another lonely New Year's Eve. Ric is back but finds it hard to adapt to the changes that have taken place.
Mo receives a surprising proposal.
9.00 David Beckham: For the Love of the Game
The former England captain combines passions as he kicks a ball around the globe. He plays a football match on all seven continents in under ten days, ending with a fundraising all-star match at Old Trafford, all in aid of Unicef. En route he meets tribal people in Papua New Guinea, schoolchildren in Nepal, refugees in Djibouti and plays with a team of international scientists in Antarctica.
10.15 BBC News
Regional News; Weather.
Followed by National Lottery Update.
10.40 Peter Kay's Car Share
4/6. Kayleigh has exciting news.
Writers Peter Kay, Sian Gibson, Tim Reid and Paul Coleman.
11.10 Mrs Brown's Boys
The Virgin Mammy. Agnes has finished the script for her unorthodox Nativity play.
11.40 Boomers
The friends endure an uncomfortable train journey.
12.10am Weather for the Week Ahead
12.15 - 6.00am BBC News

BBC2

v6.15am Homes under the Hammer
London, Devon.
7.15 Escape to the Continent Cyprus.
7.45 - 8.45 Sign Zone
7.45 This Wild Life 8/10. The drought begins to make everyday life difficult.
8.15 An Island Parish: Falklands
5/6. Plans are made to commemorate Liberation Day.
8.45 Show Boat ★★★★★
Classic musical with Kathryn Grayson, Ava Gardner and Howard Keel. On board a Mississippi show boat, the captain's daughter falls for a habitual gambler who struggles to reform his ways.
10.30 The Hairy Bikers' Northern Exposure
The bikers sample cuisine in Sweden.
11.30 The Great Pottery Throw Down
5/6. The potters make a decorative chandelier in bone china.
12.30pm Peter Sellers Talking Comedy
Clips of the actor in interviews discussing his life and career.
1.00 The Bear Family and Me
Gordon Buchanan discovers that Hope has been abandoned.
2.00 Coast Britain's first lifeboat station.
3.00 - 4.00 Atlantic: the Wildest Ocean on Earth
Dolphin pods and penguin colonies.
4.00pm Flog It!
Paul Martin visits a Victorian kitchen.
4.55 Super-Powered Owls: Natural World
This film reveals the "super powers" that make the owl the supreme nocturnal bird of prey.
5.55 Finding Neverland ★★★★
Fictional account of the evolution and creation of children's classic Peter Pan. Barrie's lacklustre career is reinvigorated when he befriends the four fatherless Llewelyn Davies boys.
7.30 Christmas University Challenge
710. Durham University, featuring Tim Willcox and Sir Tim Smit, takes on the London School of Economics, which has Martin Lewis and Justin Webb on its team. Next edition tomorrow 7.30pm
8.00 Gareth Malone's Great Choir Reunion
1/2. Ten years on from the first of his TV attempts to build a choir from scratch, Gareth wants to catch up with members from all of the ensembles he has since helped to create for a huge reunion party. He also hopes to put together a supergroup of the most talented singers in just four weeks. Tonight he finds ex-pupils from the first two choirs he created, and discovers how the experience changed their lives.
9.00 A Life on Screen: Stephen Fry
A celebration of the urbane and multi-faceted presenter actor and writer Fry's 30-year career began at Cambridge and a raft of memorable work
was to follow, including Blackadder and Wilde. He has also presented the Bafta awards and hosts quiz show QI. Among those pouring on the plaudits are Michael Sheen, Hugh Laurie and Alan Davies.
10.00 QI
10.30 Albert Nobbs
Period drama. Dublin in the late 19th century: Albert Nobbs is a woman living as a man who feels trapped by the subterfuge. Soon Albert is inspired to make changes to "his" life.
12.15am Race to Super Bowl 50
Week 16 fixtures.
1.05 Top Gear: from A to Z
1/2. Highlights of the motoring magazine.
2.05-5.05am Sign Zone
2.05 Harry Hill In Professor Branestawm Returns
The absent-minded professor enters an inventing competition.
3.05 Back in Time for Christmas
4.05 The Naked Choir with Gareth Malone

ITV1

6.00am CITV
7.00 Good Morning Britain
8.30 Lorraine
Guests, gossip and fashion.
9.25 Dickinson's Real Deal
From Barnsley.
10.30 Who's Doing the Dishes?
Mark Foster.
11.30 Pick Me!
Energetic game show.
12.30pm ITV Lunchtime News
Regional News; weather.
12.45 Evan Almighty ★★★
Comedy fantasy sequel starring Steve Carell and Morgan Freeman. God recruits a politician to build an ark.
2.30-4.30 Midsomer Murders
A killer freed from jail wants his revenge on DS Ben Jones.
4.30pm The Queen ★★★★★
Oscar-winning historical drama, starring Helen Mirren as Queen Elizabeth II and Michael Sheen as Prime Minister Tony Blair. Following the death of Princess Diana in 1997, the royal family struggles to acknowledge the nation's unprecedented display of collective grief. As old-fashioned royal protocol begins to crumble the newly elected Labour government seeks a solution to the mounting crisis.
6.30 Regional News Weather
6.45 ITV Evening News Weather
7.00 Emmerdale
Kerry is shocked to discover that Cain has threatened Joanie and takes matters into her own hands. Lisa tries to resolve the crisis in her family. DS Hart detects a few clues concerning
the robbery and closes in on Ross, while Paddy receives a touching gift from Tess - but comes close to being caught out by Rhona.
7.30 The Amazing Spider-Man ★★★
Fantasy adventure starring Andrew Garfield and Emma Stone. Peter Parker's parents disappeared when he was young, and he has been raised by his uncle and aunt. But he is socially awkward and bullied at high school. When a bite from a genetically modified spider gives Peter extraordinary powers, he is not only
able to assert himself at school, but also resolves that he will use them in the fight against evil.
10.10 ITV News
Weather; Regional Weather.
10.25 American Pie ★★★★
Comedy starring Jason Biggs, Chris Klein and Natasha Lyonne. Four teenage boys pledge to lose their virginity before their high-school prom, but their efforts will have hilarious and outrageous consequences.
12.05am Jackpot247
Interactive gaming.
3.00 The Jeremy Kyle Show USA
The host takes his confrontational show Stateside.
3.40 Nightscreen
Text information.
5.05 - 6.00am The Jeremy Kyle Show
Feuds and furious bust-ups in the studio.

Channel4

6.05am Small Animal Hospital
A brave cat.
6.45 Dr Dolittle: Million Dollar Mutts ★★
Comedy starring Kyla Pratt as Maya Dolittle.
8.15 The Big Bang Theory Triple bill.
9.40 The Simpsons Double bill.
10.40 Captain Ron ★★
Comedy starring Kurt Russell, Martin Short and Mary Kay Place.
12.40pm New In Town ★
Romantic comedy starring Renée Zellweger and Harry Connick Jr.
2.30 - 4.35 Coraline ★★★★
Animated fantasy based on Neil Gaiman's book, featuring the voices of Dakota Fanning and Teri Hatcher.
4.35pm Gulliver's Travels ★★★
Fantasy adventure based on Jonathan Swift's classic yarn. Slacker and wannabe travel writer Lemuel Gulliver is shipwrecked and washed up in the land of Lilliput.
6.10 Channel 4 News; Sport; Weather
6.30 Hollyoaks
Patrick asks for one final favour from Maxine.
7.00 Inside Lego at Christmas
A seasonal look behind the scenes at the superbrand. The staff at the Lego factory are gearing up for a hectic time as new lines are created for Christmas. Plus, the construction of
a spectacular Lego train.
8.00 The Supervet at Christmas
5/5 Series 4. Noel Fitzpatrick is busier than ever over the holiday season. Adam, a sleigh-pulling alaskan malamute needs two knee replacement implants, while springer spaniel Harvey is rushed in with a shattered jaw. Noel is also captivated by a six-week-old miniature dachshund puppy with a deformed foot.
9.00 Eight out of Ten Cats End of Year Special
There are silly games and surprises galore as the guests look back at the funniest stories and biggest personalities of 2015. As even Jimmy Carr is on hosting duty, while Jon Richardson
and Sean Lock are the rival team captains.
10.00 The Big Fat Quiz of the Year
Rob Brydon, Sue Perkins, David Mitchell, Claudia Winkleman, Greg Davies and Jo Brand are challenged by Jimmy Carr to show exactly how much notice they've been taking over the last 12 months, and come up with some pithy quips too.
12.05am Kingdom of Heaven ★★★★
Historical drama starring Orlando Bloom and Eva Green. Near the turn of the 12th century, a French noble travels to the Holy Land. English, Arabic +subtitles.
2.30 Peep Show 5/6 Series 7. Mark's detailed plans for Christmas Day are ruined when Jeremy gets overexcited.
2.55 1/6 Series 9. Jeremy and Mark put their differences aside to celebrate with Super Hans.
3.25 2/6. Jeremy has a life-coaching client who could be more than just a source of income.
3.50 Gadget Man Shopping gizmos.
4.15 Benchmark
Paddy McGuinness hosts.
5.05 - 6.00am Location, Location, Location
Two couples who want to live by the sea.

Channel5

6.00am Milkshake!
9.05 World's Strongest Man
10.05 Football League Tonight
11.35 Ice Road Truckers
12.30pm Carry On Nurse ★★★
Comedy starring Kenneth Connon Charles Hawtrey and Hattie Jacques.
2.15 - 4.40 The Dam Busters ★★★★★
lassic wartime drama starring Richard Todd and Michael Redgrave.
4.40pm What the Dambusters Did
Next What became of the 77 airmen whoreturned home from the raids? John Nicol, an RAF navigator delves into the National Archives to find out.
6.10 Loch Lomond: a Year in the Wild
2/4. Summer arrives at Trossachs National Park, bringing 17 hours of daylight. Young Eurasian beavers are emerging from their lodge for the first time, but can they avoid the attention of the park's otters?
7.00 World's Strongest Man
Reigning champion, and favourite to retain the title, Zydrunas Savickas features here. Aiming to beat the mighty Lithuanian are Britain's Laurence Shahlaei, Iceland's Benedikt Magnusson and the rising Russian strength athlete Mikhail Shivlyakov.
7.55 5 News
8.00 Help! I'm Snowtrapped
Seven dramatic stories of people who became trapped in snow. Including footage from the helmet camera of a skier who was buried alive under two metres of snow in Verbien Switzerland.
Followed by 5 News Update
9.00 Flowers In the Attic
Gothic thriller Corrine was disowned when she married her husband but, after his premature death, her mother agrees to take her family in, as long as the kids are kept locked in the attic.
10.45 Erin Brockovich ★★★★
Oscar-winning biographical drama. A single mother working for a law firm takes on a power company that has been dumping toxic waste into a small town.
1.15am SuperCasino
Live gaming.
3.10 Can't Pay? We'll Take It Away!
13/13 Series 3. A young family who have been made homeless by their landlord.
4.00 Michaela's Wild Challenge
Michaela plays mother to an elephant.
4.25 Divine Designs Churches.
4.45 - 6.00am House Doctor
Transforming a cluttered London flat.
5.10 A lacklustre house in Northants.
5.35 A Victorian house in Norwich.

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FESTIVE Television

Wednesday, December 30th

Great Barrier Reef
David Attenborough BBC1 9.00pm

Unlocking the reef's secrets and takes a trip below the waves to encounter the tiny coral animals that built the reef.

Monsters Inc
4.20pm **BBC1**

Monsters Sulley and Mike gather the screams of Earth children to provide power for theirotherworldly realm. However when one little girl accidentally follows the creatures home, their lives are changed for ever.

BBC1

6.00am Breakfast
Sally Nugent, Bill Turnbull.
9.00 The Princess and the Frog ★★★
Animated fantasy. In New Orleans, a waitress and a playboy prince try to break a witch doctor's spell.
10.30 Chicken Run ★★★★
Animated adventure. American rooster Rocky helps a clutch of hens plot a prisoner-of-war-style escape.
11.50 Bargain Hunt
From Alexandra Palace.
12.50pm BBC News
Weather; Regional News.
1.10 Father Brown
3/10. Series 1. The priest investigates when a man is found hanged.
2.00-3.55 National Treasure: Book of Secrets ★★★
Action adventure sequel starring Nicolas Cage. Treasure hunter Ben Gates sets out to clear the family name.
3.55pm Room on the Broom
Animated tale based on the children's book by Julia Donaldson. Producers Michael Rose and Martin Pope.
4.20 Monsters, Inc ★★★★★
Animated comedy featuring the voices of John Goodman and Billy Crystal. Monsters Sulley and Mike gather the screams of Earth children to provide power for their otherworldly realm. However when one little girl accidentally follows the creatures home, their lives are changed for ever.
5.45 Pointless
Quiz presented by Alexander Armstrong.
6.30 BBC News
Regional News; Weather .
7.00 Celebrity Mastermind
6/10. Actor Liam Fox, Paralympian cyclist Jon-Allan Butterworth, comedian Nick Helm and actress Kimberley Nixon take part.
7.30 A Question of Sport
A look back at some of the best moments from Christmas editions of the light-hearted quiz.
8.00 Antiques Roadshow
At Lyme Park in Cheshire, Fiona Bruce and Will Farmer explore the changing taste in toys over the last 100 years. Plus a look at a curiosity that celebrates the work of Dickens. Producers Michele Burgess and Simon Pass.
9.00 Great Barrier Reef with David Attenborough
New series. 1/3 David Attenborough returns to the underwater paradise he first visited in 1957. With the help of the latest technology on board the research ship *Alucia*, he unlocks the reef's secrets and takes a trip below the waves to encounter the tiny coral animals that built the reef. Scientists are now learning that the reef is younger than was once believed, yet David meets people living alongside it who know stories of its origins that have been told for countless generations.
10.00 BBC News
Regional News; Weather.
Followed by National Lottery Update
10.25 Catherine Tate's Nan
2/2. The freehold's up for sale on Nan's block of flats in London's East End. Nan's not bothered - She's got a trump card up her sleeve.
10.55 Mrs Brown's Boys
Mammy's Christmas Punch. Agnes is intent on a peaceful Christmas at home this year.
11.25 Comic Relief 2015: Thanks a Billion!
A look back at this year's fundraiser.
12.25am Weather for the Week Ahead
12.30-6.00am BBC News

BBC2

6.20am Homes under the Hammer
7.20-8.20 Sign Zone 7.20 This Wild Life 9/10. Monkeys invade the safari camp. 7.50 Terry and Mason's Great Food Trip Punting along the River Cherwell.
8.20 Waterloo ★★★★
Historical epic starring Rod Steiger. Napoleon's exile on Elba doesn't last long.
10.30 The Hairy Bikers' Northern Exposure
Si and Dave find out if they have Viking ancestry.
11.30 The Great Pottery Throw Down
6/6. The four remaining potters compete in the final.
12.30pm The Two Ronnies
Talking Comedy Some of the comedy duo's finest performances.
1.00 The Bear Family and Me
The bears face danger when the hunting season begins.
2.00 Coast Nick Crane is on Jersey.
3.00-4.00 Atlantic: the Wildest Ocean on Earth
Extreme heat unleashes deadly hurricanes.
4.00pm Flog It!
A Steiff monkey, a Russian silver goblet and a biscuit tin come to light in Dulwich, south London.
4.50 Natural World: Attenborough's Fabulous Frogs
Frogs were the first animals David Attenborough kept as a boy and he's still passionate about them. Here, he sheds new light on these charismatic and colourful creatures.
5.50 Alice in Wonderland ★★
Fantasy adventure based on the books by Lewis Carroll. At a garden party to celebrate her engagement, the now teenage Alice spots a white rabbit from her childhood dreams and follows the creature down a hole that leads to a strangely familiar world.
7.30 Christmas University Challenge
8/10. Two teams of graduates compete on behalf of their former universities in the first semi-final of the academic quiz's festive series. Jeremy Paxman hosts.
8.00 Top Gear: from A to Z
9.00 Charlie Brooker's 2015 Wipe
Comedian Doug Stanhope and the ever-insightful Philomena Cunkjoin Charlie as he returns to pick over the bones of 2015's news and cultural events. We've witnessed a Tory majority and the rise of Corbyn-mania, the demise of Cecil the Lion and the end of the Page Three - but there'll be plenty of other enticing items on the agenda tonight, as Charlie and his guests dissect the more bizarre news stories of the last 12 months.
10.00 A Gert Lush Christmas
Comedy drama co-written by and starring Russell Howard. Dan is about to introduce the woman of his dreams to his family, but seeing as they're so quirky, will everything go to plan?
11.00 Mock the Week
Festive compilation of the show featuring seasonal shenanigans. Dara O Briain hosts, with guests joining regular panelists Andy Parsons and Hugh Dennis.
11.30 Backchat End of Year Show
Comedy chat show featuring celebrity guests and sketches, hosted by comedian Jack Whitehall and his father Michael, a former theatrical agent.
12.15am The Shipping News ★★★
Drama starring Kevin Spacey and Julianne Moore. After the sudden death of his wife, unassuming Quoyle moves to his ancestral home in Newfoundland with his daughter and finds a job writing a column for the local paper.
2.00-3.55am Sign Zone: Behind the Candelabra ★★★★

ITV1

6.00am CITV
7.00 Good Morning Britain
8.30 Lorraine
9.25 Dickinson's Real Deal
From Birmingham.
10.30 Judge Rinder
Real-life legal cases.
11.30 Who's Doing the Dishes?
With Ollie Locke.
12.30pm Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory ★★★
Fantasy starring Gene Wilder Charlie Bucket lives his dream as he visits the giant factory of sweet tycoon Willy Wonka.
2.20 ITV News
Regional News; Weather.
2.35-4.30 Midsomer Murders
DCI John Barnaby hunts a killer who copies horror film plots.
4.30pm Dinosaur Britain
1/2. A time-travelling animation brings to life ancient creatures that roamed our landscapes - but in a contemporary setting. Presented by Ellie Harrison. Part two tomorrow at 2.30pm.
5.30 Paul O'Grady: for the Love of Dogs at Christmas
Mr O spreads canine cheer as he tries to find homes for a young dachshund cross puppy with a bad heart and a chihuahua born with kneecaps that are back to front. He meets two enormous akitas that need to go on a diet and a lurcher suffering from a terrible case of mange.
6.30 Regional News; Weather.
6.45 ITV Evening News; Weather.
7.00 Emmerdale
Lawrence decides to plan a New Year's party.
7.30 Coronation Street
Kevin catches Tyrone using the garage's petty cash.
8.00 Big Star's Little Star
Embarrassing moments are guaranteed as celebrities' lives are viewed through the eyes of their offspring. With actress Fiona Carroll and her son Felix, former footballer Robbie Fowler with son Jacob, and former cricketer Michael Vaughan, joined by son Archie.
9.00 All New It'll Be Alright on the Night
Griff Rhys Jones serves up a seasonal banquet of never-seen-before fluffs and foul-ups. Helen Mirren, Carol Kirkwood, Vernon Kay, Richard E Grant and many others struggle to keep a straight face and maintain some semblance of dignity when everything goes pear-shaped.
10.00 ITV News at Ten
Weather; Regional Weather.
10.15 American Pie 2 ★★★
Comedy sequel starring Jason Biggs. The randy students return for another summer of sexual misadventures following their first year at college.
12.10am Jackpot247
Interactive gaming.
3.00 The Jeremy Kyle Show USA
The host takes his confrontational show Stateside.
3.40 Nightscreen
Text information.
5.05-6.00am The Jeremy Kyle Show

Channel4

6.00am Everybody Loves Raymond
6.25 Small Animal Hospital
A collie with eye issues.
7.10 The Love Bug ★★★★
Disney comedy. A struggling racing driver's fortunes take a turn for the better when he encounters VW Herbie.
9.15 The Big Bang Theory Double bill.
10.10 The Simpsons Homer opens a salon.
10.40 The Phantom ★★★
Action adventure starring Billy Zane. Ace crime fighter Kit Walken known as the Phantom, takes on a gang of pirates.
12.40pm Chalet Girl ★★★
Romantic comedy. Skateboard champion Kim discovers snowboarding.
2.35-4.35 Freaky Friday ★★★
Remake of the Disney comedy. A bickering mother and daughter swap bodies.
4.35pm Sunshine on Leith ★★★★
Scottish musical with the songs of the Proclaimers. A couple of squaddies return to Edinburgh after a tour of duty in Afghanistan, poised to marry their sweethearts - at which point family skeletons come tumbling rhythmically out of the closet.
6.20 Channel 4 News; Sport; Weather
6.30 Hollyoaks
Alfie sets in motion a plan to uncover the truth.
7.00 Gogglesprogs
Children share their opinions on the best and worst of 2015's TV from the comfort of their sofas.
8.00 What Britain Bought in 2015
What does our £6 billion-a-week shopping habit say about us as a nation? Mary Portas meets the high street buyers, trend forecasters and retail gurus who attempted to predict our spending habits over the last 12 months. From spiralisers to prosecco. coconut oil to adult colouring books, all our "musthaves" are here - plus a few dubious items too.
9.00 24 Hours in A&E
Ep 11 Series 10. Eighty-four-year-old Paula is referred to St Georges for urgent treatment after a routine blood test detected that she has a dangerously high level of potassium in her blood. Meanwhile, 74-year-old Derek is brought into A&E after suffering a suspected stroke, and fireman Glenn, 31, arrives with a suspected abscess in his throat.
10.00 The Millionaire Party Planner
Liz Taylor organises up to 100 high-end parties every year from her headquarters in Manchesten including the Coronation Street Christmas party and a variety of charity balls that raise hundreds of thousands of pounds. The stakes are high and no expense is spared as Liz plans a lavish bar mitzvah, stages an exclusive 40th birthday party, and pulls out all the stops for the Marina Dalglish charity ball.
11.05 Fast Five ★★★★
Action thriller Fugitive Dominic Toretto assembles his old team to steal $100 million from a corrupt businessman so that they can disappear But with FBI agent Luke Hobbs on their trail, their plan gets a lot more complicated.
1.30am Rude Tube
Alex Zane counts down a top 50 of the funniest online videos.
2.25 Friday Night Dinner
7/7. Series 2. Dad's mum - aka Horrible Grandma -turns up on Christmas Day.
2.55 2/6. Series 3. Dad has been secretly keeping a dead fox in the freezer until he can get it stuffed.
3.20 3/6. Grandma gets engaged.
3.50 Gadget Man
4.15 Benchmark Hosted by Paddy McGuinness.
5.10-5.55am Deal or No Deal

Channel5

6.00am Milkshake!
9.25 World's Strongest Man
10.25 Carry on Constable ★★★
Comedy. Sgt Wilkins becomes exasperated after four inept policemen join his staff.
12.10pm Carry on Spying ★★★
Spy spoof starring Kenneth Williams and Barbara Windson Four incompetent British secret agents set out to recover a secret formula.
1.55 - 4.05 Annie Get Your Gun ★★★★★
Classic musical western. When Buffalo Bill's Wild West Show rolls into town, Annie Oakley gets the opportunity to impress with her sharp shooting skills.
4.05pm Calamity Jane ★★★★★
Musical comedy western. Spirited cowgirl Calamity Jane brings a glamorous singing star to the Deadwood saloon. But her new friend turns into a love rival.
6.10 Loch Lomond: a Year in the Wild
3/4. As autumn arrives, osprey chicks Murrin and Lonaig begin their first migration to Africa.
7.00 World's Strongest Man
It's anyone's guess who will qualify from this, arguably the most wide-open heat. Britain's Mark Felix from Blackburn is the oldest competitor at 49, and he'll be up against immense Russian Alexander Lysenko, South Africa's Gerhard Van Staden and Poland's Krzystof Radzikowski.
7.55 5 NEWS
8.00 Ben Fogle: New Lives in the Wild
4/4 Series 3. The presenter visits Gaynor Leepen who gave up her old life as a communications manager to train huskies inside the Arctic Circle. More tomorrow at 8pm.
Followed by 5 News Update
9.00 Big Driver ★★
Crime thriller based on a novella by Stephen King. After her car breaks down in the middle of nowhere, writer Tess Thorne is subjected to a terrifying assault.
10.50 Needful Things ★★
Stephen King horror Evil has come to Castle Rock, in the shape of a devilish stranger whose store "Needful Things" promises to fulfill the deepest desires of the community - at a price.
1.10am SuperCasino
Live gaming.
3.10 On Benefits: Cashing in for Christmas
People living on state welfare.
4.00 Michaela's Wild Challenge
4.25 Divine Desiqns
4.45-6.00am House Doctor
Triple bill of the home makeover show.

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FESTIVE Television

Thursday, December 31st

Mrs Brown's Boys D'Movie

BBC1 9.15pm

As Irish matriarch Mrs Brown endeavours to save Dublin's Moore Street Market from being swallowed up in a corporate property deal, she's also hit with a huge tax bill.

Simpsons

9.35am **Channel4**

BBC1

6.00am Breakfast
Sally Nugent, Charlie Stayt.
9.00 Tinkerbell and the Secret of the Wings ★★★
Animated fantasy adventure with the pixie.
10.05 CBeebies Alice in Wonderland
10.55 The Adventures of Tintin: the Secret of the Unicorn ★★★
Animated action adventure starring Jamie Bell. Tintin is targeted by sinister forces.
12.30pm Bargain Hunt
From Newark.
1.00 BBC News
Weather; Regional News.
1.20 Harry Hill in Professor Branestawm Returns
Lady Pagwell leaves a legacy for local inventors.
2.20 Wallace & Gromit: The Wrong Trousers
Wallace and Gromit fall victim to villainous penguin Feathers McGraw.
2.50-4.15 Up ★★★★★
Oscar-winning animated adventure. An elderly widower uses balloons to float his house to South America.
4.15pm Stick Man
Stick Man is caught up in an incredible animated adventure as he struggles to get back to his family tree in time for Christmas.
4.45 Take That on Tour
Life on the road with the band.
5.45 Pointless
Quiz show presented by Alexander Armstrong.
6.30 BBC News
Regional News; Weather.
7.00 Celebrity Mastermind
7/10. Lisa Maxwell, Gary Delaney, Simon Greenhall and Conor McNamara are in the hot seat.
7.30 Roald Dahl's Esio Trot
Dramatisation of Roald Dahl's tale in which retired bachelor Mr Hoppy hatches a plan to win the heart of his neighbour Mrs Silver, using differently sized tortoises.
9.00 BBC News Weather.
9.15 Mrs Brown's Boys D'Movie ★★★
Comedy spin-off from the popular sitcom. As Irish matriarch Mrs Brown endeavours to save Dublin's Moore Street Market from being swallowed up in a corporate property deal, she's also hit with a huge tax bill.
10.45 The Graham Norton Show
Dropping in to Graham's party are Hunger Games star Jennifer Lawrence, as well as Eddie Redmayne, who talks about playing a transgender pioneer in The Danish Girl, and Mark Wahlberg and Will Ferrell, who discuss working together on Daddy's Home. Years and Years perform.
11.30 Bryan Adams Rocks Big Ben Live
The Canadian rocker blasts out his greatest hits to bring in the new year, only pausing to take a break for the chimes of Big Ben and the traditional fireworks display. Continues at 12.10am.
12.00 New Year's Eve Fireworks
As Big Ben strikes, cameras capture the spectacular pyrotechnical display on London's Thames Embankment.
12.10am Bryan Adams Rocks Big Ben
The festivities continue as the singer plays his first gig of 2016.
12.45 Mrs Brown's Boys
Mammy's Gamble. Buster installs an alarm system in Agnes's house.
1.15 Miranda Hart: My What I Call Live Show
From London's O2 arena.
2.15 Would I Lie to You at Christmas?
With Bill Bailey, Ruth Jones, Jo Brand and Kelly Holmes.
2.45 Weather for the Week Ahead
2.50-6.00am BBC News

BBC2

6.00am Homes under the Hammer Auctioned
properties in Kent, Stoke-on-Trent and Dorset.
7.00 Flog It!
Unwanted items are sent to auction.
7.45-8.45 Sign Zone 7.45 This wild Life10/10. The tourist season comes to an end. 8.15 Great British Menu Chefs from Northern Ireland prepare desserts.
8.45 Father of the Bride ★★★★
Comedy starring Spencer Tracy, Joan Bennett and Elizabeth Taylor. The calm, ordered life of Stanley Banks is shattered when his beloved daughter announces her engagement.
10.15 Natural World: A Bear with a Bounty
The story of how a famous bear has ended up with a bounty on her head as the hunting season approaches.
11.15 Custer of the West ★★★
Western starring Robert Shaw and Mary Ure. General George Custer finds himself caught between warring tribes.
1.30-3.50pm Ice Station Zebra ★★★
Adventure starring Rock Hudson. A tiny weather base is plunged into the shadowy world of the Cold War
3.50pm World's Sneakiest Animals
1/3. Ground-breaking science reveals astonishing visual trickery, from illusionist zebras to vanishing geckos and shape-shifting cuttlefish.
4.50 Christmas Shopping Fever:
John Lewis and the Retail Race Cherry Healey goes behind the scenes of the high street giant in the festive period.
5.50 The Odd Life of Timothy Green ★★
Fantasy comedy drama. A childless couple are gifted with a boy who seemingly grows out of the earth in their back garden. Timothy may not be entirely human, but his presence teaches them valuable lessons about life and love.
7.30 Christmas University Challenge
9/10 Series 5. The second semi-final of the quiz for famous faces who are playing for their alma maters. The final is tomorrow 8pm.
8.00 Gareth Malone's Great Choir Reunion
2/2. Gareth continues his mission to reunite members of all the choirs he has formed over the past ten years. He tracks down singers from the Military Wives and the workplace choirs he formed in Sing While You Work, before rehearsals begin for a joyful reunion concert.
9.00 The Sapphires ★★★★
Comedy drama based on a true story. Australia, 1968: a boozy talent scout persuades a singing group of four Aboriginal girls to hire him as their agent, but their path to stardom isn't guaranteed in an Australia where racism is rife.
10.40 Live at the Apollo
7/7 Series 11. Nina Conti takes over the host's mic and introduces seasonal merrymaking from Canada's Tanyalee Davis and home-grown talents Hal Cruttenden and Josh Widdicombe.
11.10 Jools's Annual Hootenanny
The big shindig kicks off for the 23rd time as Jools Holland introduces another glittering array of musical talent. Among the performers are veterans such as Tom Jones, Jeff Beck, Ruby Turner and Pauline Black as well as relative newcomers including Jess Glynne, James Bay, Beth Hart and Rhiannon Giddens. The midnight moment is soundtracked by the pipes and drums of the 1st Battalion Scots Guards.
1.10am Best of Glastonbury
A round-up of highlights from this year's festival at Worthy Farm in Somerset.
3.10-5.10am Sign Zone
3.10 The Snow Chick
Following the first months in the life of an emperor penguin,
4.10 Back In Time for Christmas
2/2. The Robshaws move on to the 1970s.

ITV1

6.00am CITV
7.00 Good Morning Britain
8.30 Lorraine
9.25 Dickinson's Real Deal
From Lymm, Cheshire.
10.30 Judge Rinder
Cases in a studio court.
11.30 Who's Doing the Dishes?
Former X Factor finalists Chloe-Jasmine and Stevi Ritchie play host.
12.30pm ITV Lunchtime News
Regional News; Weather.
12.40 DragonHeart ★★★
Fantasy adventure. A knight and a dragon join forces to confront an evil tyrant.
2.30 Dinosaur Britain
2/2. Exploring how dinosaurs hunted, what they ate and how they died.
3.30-4.30 The Chase
Tense quiz show.
4.30pm Downton Abbey - the Finale
New Year's Eve 1925: romance is in the air at Downton but, for some, the year's end will prove bittersweet.
6.30 Regional News Weather.
6.45 ITV Evening News weather.
7.00 Emmerdale
Andy is forced to make a confession to Robert.
8.00 Coronation Street
Fiz and Tyrone receive the news they've been waiting for.
8.30 Panda Babies
The cuteness quotient looks set to be off the scale as vet Steve Leonard travels to China, where he gains access to three remarkable panda reserves. Captive panda breeding programmes are notoriously unsuccessful, but he is privileged to witness the special moment when a cub is born.
9.35 Birds of a Feather
Series 2. Sharon and Tracey discover Dorien has been keeping a secret for more than 50 years.
10.05 Piers Morgan's Life Stories
Cilla Black. A frank interview with the popular singer and entertainer who died in August 2015.
11.05 The Nation's Favourite Bond Song
In this countdown of viewers' best-loved themes from the 007 films, the writers of some of the most memorably dramatic tunes in movie history reveal how they were created. Continues after the news.
11.55 ITV News
Weather; New Year Bongs.
12.10am The Natlon's Favourite Bond Song Conclusion of the countdown.
12.40 Goldfinger ★★★★★
James Bond investigates ruthless criminal Auric Goldfinger: a man with a desire to become the most powerful person on Earth. Sean Connery, Honor Blackman and Gert Fröbe star
2.30 Nightscreen Text information.
5.05 - 6.00am The Jeremy Kyle Show

Channel4

5.55am Small Animal Hospital
A sick cat.
6.40 Explorers ★★★
Sci-fi adventure starring Ethan Hawke. A trio of kids unwittingly build a craft that can pass through solid matter.
8.40 The Big Bang Theory Double bill.
9.35 The Simpsons Triple bill.
11.05 Imagine That ★★
Comedy fantasy starring Eddie Murphy. A stockbroker discovers that imaginary friends can be surprisingly useful.
1.10-3.20pm Rocketeer ★★★★
Fantasy adventure starring Bill Campbell. A young pilot discovers a rocket-powered backpack and becomes a superhero.
3.20pm Honey, I Shrunk the Kids ★★★★ Disney comedy fantasy starring Rick Moranis. Professor Wayne Szalinski's obsession with developing a miniaturisation ray causes him to neglect his wife and two children and attracts ridicule from his suburban neighbours. But then a freak accident triggers the inventor's device and reduces his children, and those of his neighbour to microscopic size.
5.20 Channel 4 News Sport; Weather
5.35 Hollyoaks
Can Kim stop Lindsey from striking again?
6.35 Celebrity Couples Come Dine with Me
Jaymi Hensley from boy band Union J and his partner Olly Marmon host an all-singing, all-dancing Christmas soirée, TV presenter Gail Porter and boyfriend Craig Stewart go back to their roots with a traditional Scottish shindig, and ex-EastEnders actor Ricky Groves and his partner Kay Russell plump for a proper cockney knees-up. But when it comes to the scores, who will have impressed the others enough to take the charity prize?
7.30 TFI New Year's Eve
Host Chris Evans and the team prepare to ring in the new year with the usual raucous mix of celebrity interviews, music and zany features. Among the guests joining in the fun are actor Will Poulter, singers Sia, Olly Murs and Izzy Bizu, the Vaccines and the resurgent New Order.
9.00 Alan Carr's New Year Specstacular
The host has once again been given licence to run riot around Channel 4's HQ during his annual extravaganza of unpredictable activities, party games, oddball sketches and musical performances. The guests joining in the ribald fun include David Guetta, Danny Dyer, Mel B, Greg Davies, Verne Troyer and Katherine Ryan.
11.10 Eight out of Ten Cats End of Year Special
There are silly games and surprises galore as the guests look back at the funniest stories and biggest personalities of 2015. As ever Jimmy Carr is on hosting duty, while Jon Richardson and Sean Lock are the rival team captains.
12.10am The Big Fat Quiz of the Year
Rob Brydon, Sue Perkins, David Mitchell, Claudia Winkleman, Greg Davies
2.10 Catastrophe
1/6 Series 2. The turbulent lovers want to welcome their new arrival with a party - and get all the introductions over in one hit.
2.35 2/6. Can Rob find an outlet for his frustration? Sharon contends with the dreaded "mombies".
3.05 3/6. In an attempt to spice up their love life, Sharon and Rob go on a romantic break to Paris.
3.35 Gadget Man
Richard Ayoade visits a hi-tech home with Claudia Winkleman.
4.00 Location, Location, Location
Kirstie and Phil help find "forever" homes.
4.50 - 5.40am Deal or No Deal

Channel5

6.00am Milkshake!
9.00 World's Strongest Man
9.50 Carry On Teacher ★★★
Comedy starring Ted
Ray and Kenneth Connor The pupils of Maudlin Street School try to prevent their headmaster from leaving.
11.30-1.50pm Sinatra 100: an All-Star Grammy
Concert Stars celebrate the centenary of the crooner's birth.
1.50pm One Chance ★★★
Comedy based on a true story, starring James Corden. Bullied and humiliated, Paul Potts has found solace in his love for singing. It's this which ultimately leads to a life- changing appearance on television.
3.55 The Wizard of Oz ★★★★★
Classic musical fantasy starring Judy Garland, Ray Bolger, Bert Lahr and Jack Haley. When a huge tornado hits, Dorothy is whisked off into a strange world where she must escape the clutches of the Wicked Witch of the West.
6.00 Loch Lomond: a Year in the Wild
4/4. Winter comes in mild and wet, so the red deer stags have time to fatten up after the autumn rut.
Followed by 5 News Update
6.55 World's Strongest Man
The holder of the Britain's Strongest Man title, Eddie Hall, has broken the deadlift record this year but he faces stiff competition in the fifth heat from Americans Mike Burke and Mike Caruso, young Slovenian Matjaz Belsak, Grzegorz Szymanski of Poland and Norway's Ole Martin Hansen.
7.55 5 News
8.00 Ben Fogle: New Live in the Wild
2/4 Series 1. In Alaska, the adventurer samples the rugged existence of a couple who live half the year in a Mongolian-style yurt.
Followed by 5 News Update
9.00 Britain's Best Loved Double Acts
The results of a public vote reveal the nation's most dazzling duos, from Morecambe and Wise to Ant and Dec. This countdown, first aired in 2014, reveals our favourite pairings across the spheres of comedy, music, animation, drama and sport.
11.55 Most Shocking
Christmas TV Moments A cringe-fest of outrageous moments from the past 50 years.
1.55am SuperCasino Live gaming.
3.10 Loch Lomond: a Year In the Wild
4/4. Winter arrives.
4.00 Michaela's Wild Challenge
A search for the world's rarest mammal.
4.25 Divine Designs
Examining works of Hindu and Jain art.
4.50-6.00am House Doctor
Including a basement flat in north London.
5.10 A 200-year-old cottage.
5.35 From Knutsford, Cheshire.

FESTIVE Television

Friday, January 1st

Catch Me If You Can

BBC2 10.20pm

Based on the true story of conman Frank Abagnale Jn Shattered by the news that his parents are divorcing, 16-year-old Frank runs away to New York. For six years he lives a life of fraud, always staying one step ahead of tenacious FBI agent Carl Hanratty.

Monster Vs Aliens

10.25am **BBC1**

BBC1

6.00am Breakfast
With Charlie Stayt.

9.00 Turbo ★★★★
Animated comedy adventure with the voices of Reese Witherspoon and Seth Rogen.

10.25 Monsters vs Aliens ★★★★
Animated sci-fi comedy.

11.55 Top of the Pops New Year
With KDA featuring Tinie Tempah and Katy B, the Vaccines and Sigala.

12.55pm The Archbishop of Canterbury's New Year Message
The Most Rev Justin Welby delivers his annual address.

1.00 BBC News
Weather; Regional News.

1.15 The Sound of Music Classic family musical
with Julie Andrews and Christopher Plummer.

4.05 - 4.30 Shaun the Sheep: The Farmer's Llamas
Shaun is delighted when llamas arrive on the farm.

4.30pm Wreck-It: Ralph ★★★
Animated adventure. The villain of a 19805 arcade game sets off on a quest through other games to prove there's more to him than just being a bad guy.

6.05 BBC News
Regional News; Weather .

6.30 EastEnders
Mick and Linda prepare for their wedding. Dean reappears seeking revenge. More 8pm.

7.00 Billionaire Boy
David Walliams's tale of Len Spud and his son Joe, who become billionaires thanks to toilet roll. But Joe is lonely and transfers from his private school in the hope of finding friends.

8.00 EastEnders
Dean continues his revenge plot against the Carters.

8.30 Dickensian
5/20. To what lengths will Compeyson not go to get Miss Havisham to notice him?

9.00 Sherlock
The Abominable Bride. In a special episode that takes Holmes and Watson back to the 1890s, the ghost of a woman who took her life is, seemingly, prowling the streets with an unslakeable thirst for revenge. The duo must use all their guile to combat this enemy from "beyond the grave".
10.30 Mrs Brown's Boys
Mammy's Widow's Memories. In the second festive episode, a handsome stranger has eyes for Agnes.

11.10 BBC News
Regional News; Weather.
Followed by National Lottery Update.

11.35 Adele at the BBC
Adele showcases songs from her new album, 25.

12.50am Weather for the Week Ahead
12.55-6.00am BBC News

BBC2

6.35am Sinbad: Legend of the Seven Seas ★★★
Animated action adventure, with the voice of Brad Pitt.

7.50 Natural World: Honey Badgers - Masters of Mayhem Exploring the reputation of the animal.

8.50 Viva Las Vegas ★★★★
Romantic musical starring Elvis Presley and Ann-Margret.

10.15 Darcey's Ballet Heroes Focusing on male ballet stars. shown Christmas Day 8.50pm

11.15 New Year's Day Concert Live from Vienna
Mariss Jansons conducts the Vienna Philharmonic Orchestra for this popular event comprising waltzes and polkas.

12.45pm Little Women
Period drama adapted from the classic novel, starring Winona Ryder

2.40-4.50 The Eagle Has Landed ★★★
Second World War adventure starring Michael Caine.

4.50pm Gorilla Family and Me
2/2. Gordon Buchanan is reunited with a family of Grauer's gorillas, Earth's largest primates.

5.50 The Archbishop of Canterbury's New Year Message
The Most Rev Justin Welby delivers his New Year address, reflecting on some of 2015's major events.

5.55 The Terminal ★★★
Comedy drama. On a visit to the United States from the eastern European state of Krakozhia, Viktor Navorski finds himself with no legal status when his country falls to a military coup. Without a valid visa or diplomatic status, the hapless Navorski is confined to JFK airport, much to the irritation ofUS customs official Frank Dixon who is determined to be rid of the unwanted visiton.

8.00 Christmas University Challenge
10/10. It's the grand final of this seasonal competition for alumni from some of the UK's top universities - but which one will emerge as this year's champions? Jeremy Paxman asks the questions.

8.30 The Many Faces of Ronnie Corbett
Like many of his generation, Ronnie Corbett had a strong career on stage, but he was already 36 when his first big TV break arrived in the shape of the groundbreaking Frost Report. His role in The Two Ronnies has earned him a chapter in the book of all- time comedy greats, but this documentary also reveals some lesser-known details of Ronnie's life, such as his days as a devout teenage organist.

9.30 The One Ronnie
To mark his 80th birthday in 2010, Ronnie Corbett was joined by some of the biggest names in British comedy, including Harry Enfield, Catherine Tate, Jon Culshaw and Rob Brydon, for a special show.

10.20 Catch Me If You Can ★★★★
Comedy drama, based on the true story of conman Frank Abagnale Jn Shattered by the news that his parents are divorcing, 16-year-old Frank runs away to New York. For six years he lives a life of fraud, always staying one step ahead of tenacious FBI agent Carl Hanratty.

12.30am Shadow of a Doubt ★★★★★
Classic Hitchcock thriller starring Joseph Cotten and Teresa Wright. When Uncle Charlie arrives in the small Californian town of Santa Rosa, he is welcomed with open arms by his family. However his admiring niece soon begins to harbour doubts about her favourite uncle.

2.15 Top Gear: from A to Z
3.15 - 5.15am Siqn Zone
3.15 Hugh's War on Waste
4.15 The Secrets of the Mona Lisa

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6.00am CITV

9.25 Dlcklnson's Real Deal
In Lincolnshire.

10.30 Judge Rlnder Real-life
legal disputes.

11.30 Who's Doing the Dishes?
Vicki Michelle.

12.25pm Celebrlty Squares
Guests include Sarah Millican, Duncan Bannatyne and Tess Daly.

1.10 ITV News Weather

1.25-3.35 Dr No
The first James Bond movie, starring Sean Connery. Bond is sent to Jamaica to investigate the mysterious killing of a fellow agent.

3.35pm Midsomer Murders
The Sicillan Defence. Harriet Farmer was left for dead on the night she tried to elope. A year later she comes out of a coma. Soon afterwards members of a chess club meet grisly ends.

5.35 Wild River with Ray Mears
The adventurer explores the River Wye, setting out from its source towards the Severn Estuary.

6.40 ITV Evening News Weather

7.00 Emmerdale
After visiting Charity in prison, Debbie declares her intention to leave the village.

7.30 Coronation Street
Carla issues an anxious Johnny with an ultimatum. More at 8.30pm.

8.00 Gino's Italian Escape: Islands in the Sun
6/6. Eastern Sicily: an Explosive Finale Gino D'Acampo concludes his odyssey around his home country's island in a place where food is all-important. In Taormina, he learns howto make the sweet treat cannoli, before heading to the craters of the imposing Mount Etna. Finally, he makes a pilgrimage to Savoca, which doubled for Corleone in the Godfather films.

8.30 Coronation Street
Michelle and Nick continue to fret over Carla, who is embroiled in something with Robert that she may live to regret.

9.00 The Big Quiz: Coronation Street v Emmerdale
Stephen Mulhern hosts as stars of the shows are tested on 2015's biggest events and funniest moments in both the dales and on the cobbles. Which set of soap stars will scrub up best?

10.00 ITV News Weather

10.15 The Jonathan Ross Show
11/11 The host welcomes his celebrity guests for a fun Christmas edition of the show.

11.20 American Pie: the Wedding
Comedy. After pursuing each other through two movies, Jim and Michelle finally decide to tie the knot.

1.00am Jackpot247
Interactive gaming.

3.00 Murden She Wrote
First part of the pilot episode starring Angela Lansbury.

3.50-6.00am Nlghtscreen

Channel4

5.40am Mysterious Island ★★★
Fantasy adventure based on the novel by Jules Verne, starring Michael Craig.

7.30 The Big Bang Theory Double bill.

8.20 Planet 51 ★★★
Animated fantasy. An astronaut is stranded on an alien planet.

10.10 The Simpsons Double bill.

11.15 Inspector Gadget ★
Comedy action adventure based on the cartoons, starring Matthew Broderick.

12.55 - 3.35pm LIVE Racing
Starts from Cheltenham are at 1.20, 1.55, 2.30 and 3.05, and from Musselburgh at 1.35 and 2.10. Presented by Nick Luck.

3.35pm The Golden Compass ★★★
Fantasy adventure based on the first in Philip Pullman's His Dark Materials trilogy of novels. In a parallel universe where souls take animal form, orphan girl Lyra has been brought up among the scholars of Jordan College, Oxford. It is there she overhears her uncle, Lord Asriel, talk of a microscopic particle that can pass between different worlds.

5.50 Channel 4 News Sport; Weather

6.00 Tangled ★★★★
Animated fairy-tale adventure featuring the voices Mandy Moore and Zachary Levi. The long-haired Rapunzel has spent her life incarcerated in a tower so when she falls in love with a bandit, she must venture into the outside world for the first time.

8.00 Jamie and Jimmy's Friday Night Feast
New series. 1/6 Series 3. Jamie Oliver and Jimmy Doherty prepare dishes for the weekend from their café on Southend Pier The pair are joined by actor Orlando Bloom, who shows off his sword skills as he rustles up a Moroccan tagine. Plus there's Asian seafood parcels, goat meat and a great British Danger that can be trusted.

9.00 A Good Day to Die Hard ★★
Action thriller starring Bruce Willis. Tough cop John McClane travels to Moscow to help his estranged son, who has somehow become embroiled in an assassination plot. But when McClane senior arrives he discovers that junior is in much deeper than he imagined.

11.00 Rude Tube: Welcome to 2016
Alex Zane marks the end of 2015 with a compilation including 50 of the funniest clips from the show's last series, and another 50 new videos featuring the web's latest comedy stars.

1.10am Damien - Omen II ★★★
Horror sequel starring William Holden and Lee Grant. In the second film in the trilogy, Damien is now a spoilt and obnoxious teenager but his aunt believes there is something even more sinister in his personality.

3.00 Friday Night Dinner
4/6 Series 3. Mum and Dad's anniversary looks set to be ruined.

3.25 You Deserve This House
A woman who runs a swimming club for youngsters with disabilities.

4.20 Location, Location, Location
Two couples who returned to the UK after going travelling.

5.15 Hugh's Three Good Things: Best Bites A recipe
for baked potato with curried mushrooms.

5.20 - 6.10am Deal or No Deal

Channel5

6.00am Milkshake!

9.35 Thomas & Friends - Sodor's Legend of the Lost Treasure: the Movie ★★★
Animated adventure featuring Eddie Redmayne.

10.50 Carry On Cabby ★★★
Comedy starring Sidney James, Hattie Jacques, Kenneth Connor and Charles Hawtrey.

12.35pm Bigfoot and the Hendersons ★★ Comedy starring John Lithgow and Melinda Dillon,

2.45 - 4.30 Dracula: Dead and Loving It ★ Comedy horror starring Leslie Nielsen, Peter MacNicol and Steven Weber.

4.30pm Greystoke: the Legend of Tarzan, Lord of the Apes ★★★
Adventure. When Lord Clayton and his pregnant young wife are shipwrecked off the coast of Africa in 1886, a legend is born. Their son, John, is reared in the jungle by apes and becomes master of all he surveys. That is until the day a hunting party strays into his territory, bringing with it the violence of civilisation.

7.00 World's Strongest Man Final
The action in Malaysia should be as intense as the temperatures, as the ten to have battled through the heats compete over six events and two days for the coveted title, won last year for the fourth time by Lithuania's Zydrunas Savickas.

7.55 5 News

8.00 Morecambe and Wise's Greatest TV Moments
A chance to relive some of the most memorable sketches and routines from the well-loved duo, whose annual specials were a staple on the Christmas TV menu for many years.
Shown Christmas Eve 10pm
Followed by 5 News Update

9.00 An Audience with Ken Dodd
The much-loved Liverpudlian looks back on his career in this programme recorded in 1994. The quick-fire comedian, known for his marathon performances lasting up to five hours, recalls learning his trade during summer seasons in Blackpool and working on the same bill as Morecambe and Wise. Among the star-studded audience are James Fox, Molly Sugden, Samantha Fox, Paul Daniels, Warren Mitchell and Frank Carson.

10.55 Greatest Stand Up Comedians
Counting down SO of the funniest people to have toured the stand-up circuit, among them Joan Rivers, Tommy Cooper and Robin Williams.

1.55am SuperCasino
Live gaming.

3.10 Loch Lomond: a Year In the Wild
2/4. Summer brings 17 hours of daylight to Trossachs National Park.

4.00 3/4. Autumn arrives.

4.45-6.00am House Doctor
Triple bill of the show presented by Californian estate agent Ann Maurice.

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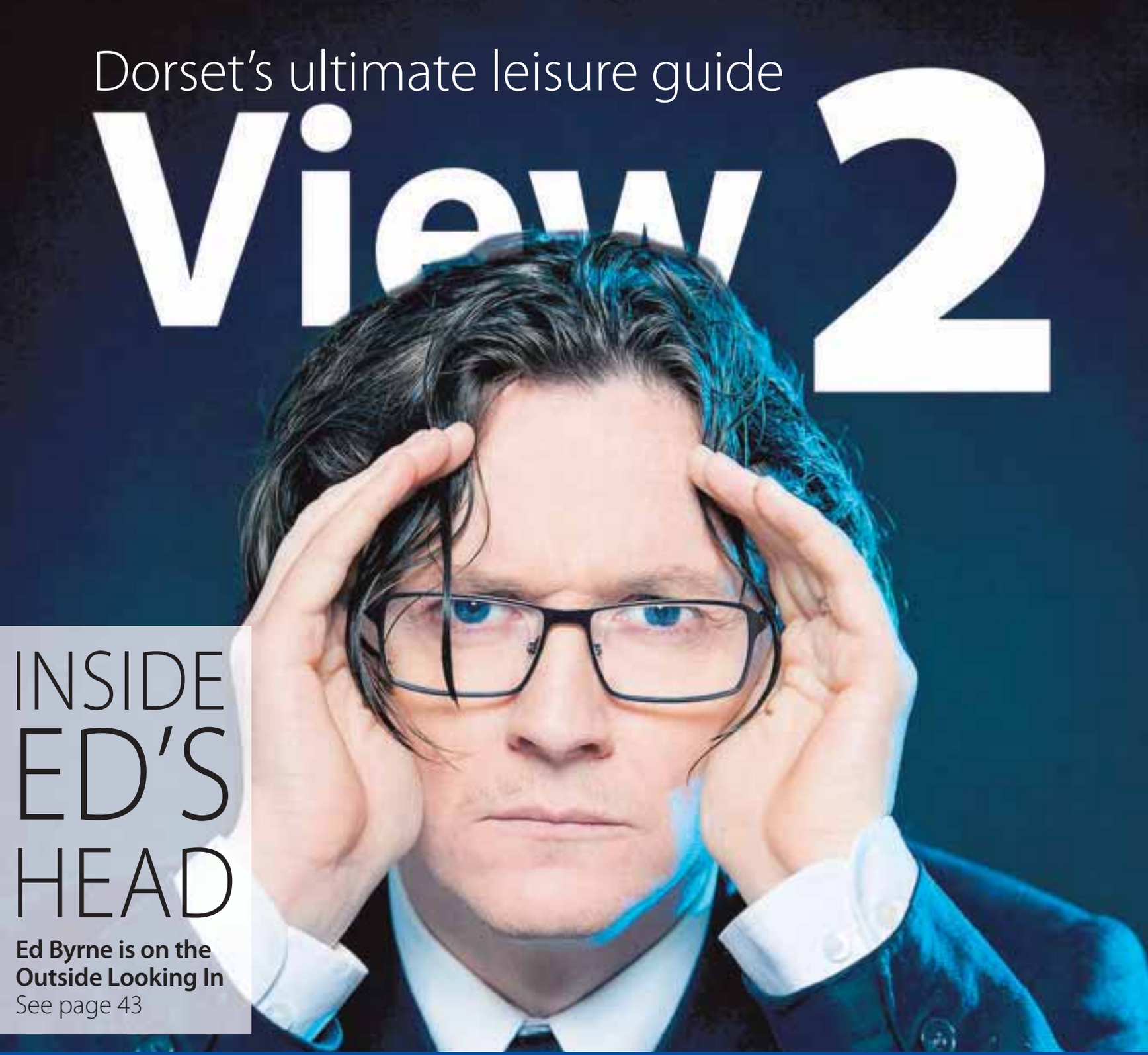

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Live ballet to accompany Royal Opera House screening *page 41*

TRANSMISSION

Your guide to local live music

upcoming gigs

Wednesday 16 Dec
Marine Theatre, LYME REGIS
Holly at Christmas
7.30pm. £14.50/£12.50.
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Thursday 17 Dec
Electric Palace, BRIDPORT
Terry Hall DJ Set
7.30pm. £13.50 adv / £15 door
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Saturday 19 Dec
Marine Theatre, LYME REGIS
Kimber's Men
7.30pm. £14.50/£12.50.

Crown Inn, BRIDPORT
The Cadence 9.30pm

Nag's Head, LYME REGIS
Delta Tango 7 9pm

Re-loved Vintage & Tea Rooms/Bistro, 2 Cornhill, DORCHESTER
Bernardo playing Vintage Guitar
7pm. Free entry, booking advised - 01305 257070.

Pilot Boat Inn, LYME REGIS
Two Fat Santas - Jack Daniels and Saucy Jack 9pm
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Sunday 20 Dec
Crown Inn, BRIDPORT
Howling Duo 4-6pm
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Thursday 24 Dec
Crown Inn, BRIDPORT
Vinyl Monkeys 9.30pm

Nag's Head, LYME REGIS
Christmas Jumper Party with Bug Tree Swamp 4-7pm

Nag's Head, LYME REGIS
Tom Toomey 9pm
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Sunday 27 Dec
Nag's Head, LYME REGIS
The Deep Band 9pm

Crown Inn, BRIDPORT
Grouvecat 4-6pm
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Thursday 31 Dec
Crown Inn, BRIDPORT
DJ Wilf 9.30pm

The Spice Centre, DORCHESTER
Bernardo - Around the World in 80 Chords 8pm onwards

The Clockhouse (held in the village hall), CHIDEOCK
John De Barra
Doors from 7pm, music 9.30pm
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Saturday 2 Jan
Crown Inn, BRIDPORT
K2 9.30pm
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Sunday 3 Jan
Crown Inn, BRIDPORT
Jamming at the Crown 4-7pm
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Wednesday 6 Jan
Nag's Head, LYME REGIS
Jim Almand 9.30pm
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Saturday 9 Jan
Nag's Head, LYME REGIS
Real Deal 9pm

Crown Inn, BRIDPORT
Livewired 9.30pm
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FESTIVE FUN WITH HOLLY AT CHRISTMAS

BUDDY HOLLY AND THE CRICKETERS once again herald in the Yuletide festivities with Holly at Christmas, the show that is now as traditional as mulled wine and mince pies!

This breathtaking show has rock 'n' rolled audiences across the globe from Cardiff to California, Barking to Bangkok and Swindon to Sweden and is guaranteed to have everyone singing along to the music and dancing in the aisles.

It stars some of the finest actor-musicians in the UK whose combined West End credits include Buddy, Lennon, Forbidden Planet and Jailhouse Rock and was endorsed as Britain's most popular Buddy Holly act when the boys guested on BBC One's Saturday night live programme, "The One and Only", hosted by Graham Norton.

Towards the end of November, the clocks go back - in more ways than one - and Buddy Holly and the Cricketers once again herald in the Yuletide festivities with Holly at Christmas, the show that is now as traditional as mulled wine and mince pies!

Holly's hits, other contemporary classics and some Christmas crackers are all wrapped up in a fast, furious and funny feast of entertainment to make the perfect gift for all the family.

Holly At Christmas rarely pauses for breath and is, quite simply, the most compelling concert of its kind. The hits just keep on coming - That'll Be The Day, Peggy Sue, Heartbeat, It Doesn't Matter Anymore, Raining In My Heart, Oh Boy! – and much, much more.

Whatever the season, whatever the excuse to party, make your Heartbeat a little faster with the show that has thousands of fans the world over saying: "I can't believe it's not Buddy!"

Holly At Christmas comes to the Marine Theatre TONIGHT (Wednesday, December 16th). TIckets are £14.50, or £12.50 (concessions). Tickets are available from the box office on 01297 442138 or online from the website at www.marinetheatre.com

Shout, and let it all out!

TEARS FOR FEARS ANNOUNCED AS CAMP BESTIVAL SUNDAY NIGHT HEADLINERS

WITH Jess Glynne and Fatboy Slim already announced as Friday and Saturday night Camp Bestival headliners, and not forgetting Dick and Dom, Mr Tumble and Aliens Love Underpants, organisers of the Outer Space themed 2016 event have announced the third and final headliner - Tears for Fears.

With hits including the anthemic 'Shout', 'Everyboyd Wants to Rule the World' and 'The Seeds of Love', the 80s legends will play their first festival show since 1990.

Tickets are on sale now for Camp Bestival 2016.

For more details visit www.campbestival.net

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Sunday 20th December, 4-7pm
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Thursday 24th December, 9pm-late
TOM TOOMEY

Sunday 27th December, 4-7pm
THE DEEP BAND

Saturday 2nd January
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Wednesday 6th January, 9pm-late
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FRIDAY 18TH @ 7.30
Blues and Twos Charity Christmas Quiz raising funds for The Dorset Air Ambulance, Lifeboat and Coastguard

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Forest Forge present Hansel and Gretel

A TREAT for the children at Christmas as Forest Forge (in association with Bumblefly) bring an enchanting new take on the family favourite, Hansel and Gretel, to Dorchester Arts Centre

Lost in the deep dark forest, the children come across many well known fairytale figures who try to help, or hinder them, as they draw ever closer to a strange house that looks good enough to eat! Throughout this adventure, audiences are encouraged to join in with the show; providing sound effects and practical help as Hansel and Gretel and their many friends make their way through the enchanted forest. Expect vibrant traditional storytelling packed with laughs and songs for the whole family to enjoy.

Forest Forge Theatre perform Hansel and Gretel at Dorchester Arts Centre on Friday, December 18th at 7pm (doors and refreshments 6.30pm).Tickets are £10, £8 or £30 (family ticket - max 2 adults), available online at www.dorchesterarts.org.uk or by calling 01305 266926.

Forest Forge present Hansel and Gretel

Arts Centre to show festive favourite

BRIDPORT ARTS CENTRE are showing the festive favourite *Planes, Trains and Automobiles* this Thursday, December 17th.

Take a moment out of your busy Christmas schedule to sit back and relax for a couple of hours. To make it even more enjoyable there will be free mulled wine for all visitors!

Steve Martin and John Candy star in this cult Christmas film. An advertising executive flying home for Thanksgiving finds himself seated beside a boisterous curtain ring salesman. When their flight is rerouted due to a snowstorm, the salesman's advice propels them into one disaster after another.

A perennial family favourite.

Tickets are £6 and £5, available from www.bridport-arts.com or by calling 01308 424204.

Steve Martin and John Candy star in *Planes, Trains and Automobiles*

Special live performance to accompany Nutcracker screening

THE Weymouth School of Ballet will be performing next Wednesday, December 16th at Cineworld, Weymouth prior to the live cinema broadcast of 'The Nutcracker' from the Royal Opera House at 7.15pm.

The Nutcracker is always one of the most popular live cinema broadcasts and Cineworld are making the evening extra special for customers by having the dancers perform in the auditorium prior to the live screening.

Later on the same night, Cineworld would like to invite customers who are coming to the midnight showing of 'Star Wars - The Force Awakens' to add to the atmosphere by dressing up as their favourite Star Wars characters. Cineworld would ask customers who plan to dress up to just be mindful of others comfort and enjoyment and not to bring any 'light up' toys or props into the auditorium that may distract from others viewing pleasure of the film.

There will also be a 'Star Wars Fun Quiz' for customers to take part in.

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FOLLOWING the success of *Miracle on 34th Street*, Farnham Maltings is bringing the struggles and joys of 1940s small town America to the villages and towns of England with *It's a Wonderful Life*, everybody's favourite Christmas story.

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Farnham Maltings bring *It's A Wonderful Life* to the Marine Theatre on Tuesday, December 29th at 7.30pm. Limited tickets are available for £11, concessions £9 and family £36 (2adults + 2 concs, or 1 adult 3 concs). Visit www.marinetheatre.com or call 01297 442138 for more details and to book.

Farnham Maltings present *It's A Wonderful Life*

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IT'S the biggest week in cinema in 2015, yet there's only one major release this week... and what a release it is!

The seventh instalment of the iconic *Star Wars* franchise arrives on the big screen, from a galaxy far, far away.

STAR WARS: EPISODE VII - THE FORCE AWAKENS 15

STAR WARS: Episode VII - The Force Awakens is a continuation of the saga created by George Lucas and set thirty years after Star Wars: Episode VI - Return of the Jedi.

Familiar faces return, and new legends are born.

The first in the series under the Disney banner, J.J. Abrams directs his first Star Wars movie.

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Cinema Listings

Fri, Dec 18th - Thu, Nov 24th

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Star Wars: Episode VII - The Force Awakens 12A
Fri: 16.25, 20.00
Sat-Wed: 13.00, 16.25, 20.00
Thu: 13.00, 16.25

DORCHESTER ODEON
Tel: 0871 22 44 007
www.odeon.co.uk

Hotel Transylvania 2 U
Sat-Thu: 10.00am

Snoopy and Charlie Brown: The Peanuts Movie U
Sat-Thu: 15.00

Star Wars: Episode VII - The Force Awakens 3D 12A
Daily: 10.45, 14.00, 17.15, 20.00, 20.30

Star Wars: Episode VII - The Force Awakens 2D 12A
Fri & Sat: 13.00,16.15, 19.30, 22.30
Sun-Thu: 13.00, 16.15, 19.30

The Good Dinosaur PG
Fri: 17.30, Sat-Thu: 10.10, 12.30, 17.20

DORCHESTER PLAZA
Tel: 01305 262488
www.plazadorchester.com

Christmas with the Coopers 12A
Fri: 14.45, 17.00, Sat, Thu: 17.00
Sun-Wed: 17.00, 19.45

Sisters 15
Fri: 17.45, 20.45, Sat-Wed: 20.45, Thu: 17.15

Star Wars: Episode VII - The Force Awakens 2D 12A
Fri & Sat: 9.45, 13.00, 16.30, 19.45, 20.00
Sun-Wed: 9.45, 13.00, 16.30, 20.00
Thu: 9.45, 13.00, 16.30

Star Wars: Episode VII - The Force Awakens 3D 12A
Fri: 13.45, 17.00, 20.30
Sat-Tue: 10.30, 13.45, 17.00, 20.30
Wed: 10.30, 13.45, 17.00, 20.30
Thu: 10.30, 13.45, 17.00

The Good Dinosaur 2D PG
Fri: 14.15, Sat-Thu: 11.30, 14.15

Snoopy and Charlie Brown: The Peanuts Movie U
Sat-Wed: 10.00, 12.30, 15.00, 17.45
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Star Wars: Episode VII - The Force Awakens 2D 12A
Fri-Sat: 10.00, 11.30, 13.00, 14.30, 16.00, 17.30, 19.00, 20.30, 22.00
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Star Wars: Episode VII - The Force Awakens 3D 12A
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Tue-Wed: 10.45, 13.45, 16.45, 18.15, 19.45, 21.15
Thu: 13.15, 16.15, 17.45, 19.15

Bridge of Spies 12A
Daily: 19.50

Christmas with the Coopers 12A
Fri: 11.40, 17.00,
Sat, Mon, Wed, Thu: 17.00,
Sun: 17.15, Tue: 18.00

Frozen (Movies for Juniors) U
Fri-Mon, Wed, Thu: 10.30am, Tue: 10.00am

Get Santa (Movies for Juniors) U
Daily: 11.15am

Krampus 15
Fri, Mon, Wed: 18.00

Nativity 3: Dude, Where's My Donkey? (Movies for Juniors) U
Daily: 10.00am

Spectre 12A
Fri: 14.20, 16.50,
Sat-Mon, Wed, Thu: 16.50, 19.30,
Tue: 16.50

Sisters 15
Fri-Wed: 12.50, 15.30, 18.10, 20.50
Thu: 12.50, 15.30, 18.10

Snoopy and Charlie Brown: The Peanuts Movie U
Sat-Thu: 10.20, 12.40, 15.00

The Good Dinosaur 2D PG
Fri, Mon, Wed, Thu: 10.00, 11.00, 12.20, 13.20, 14.40, 15.40, 17.20
Sat, Tue: 11.00, 12.20, 13.20, 14.40, 15.40, 17.20
Sun: 10.00, 11.00, 12.20, 13.20, 14.40, 17.00

The Hunger Games: Mockingjay part 2 12A
Fri, Sun: 13.50, 19.20,
Sat, Mon-Wed: 13.50, 20.20,
Thu: 13.50, 18.00

ReView

THE CONSONE QUARTET

Concerts in the West, December 3-5th 2015
Concert Review by Anthony Pither
Covering concerts at Exeter, Bridport, Ilminster and Lyme Regis

THIS WAS the final series of classical concerts of 2015, given by the period instrument group, the Consone Quartet. Although only founded at the Royal College of Music, London three years ago, the Quartet members play with the suave confidence that belies their relatively brief existence.

The Lithuanian-Polish leader, Agata Darashkaite, moved to England at 14 years to study at the Yehudi Menuhin School, while second violinist, Magdalena Loth-Hill, was educated at Chetham's School of Music and violist, Louise Tatlow, was at the Guildhall School of Music and Drama before graduating from the Royal College of Music (RCM). Cellist George Ross came to the RCM after being a student at the Purcell School. Each member of the Consone Quartet has gained considerable experience as a solo performer.

Their programme included music by the 16-year-old Schubert. A rather serious Overture in C minor and a collection of German Dances, essentially entertainment music, were brought off with aplomb, Agata's tone was always positive and her melodies shone, while one was well aware of George's rich bass line.

Haydn's first minor-key quartet of importance, Op 20 No 5, and Mozart's final chamber music creation, the String Quartet in F major K590, are both intricately written works. In each, we were witnessing the art of counterpoint, used to heighten the expression of often simple ideas. Performance requires an innate sense of communication between players and this was always very apparent. Each player aspired to a particular tone emanating from the use of gut strings. There was a consistently strong sense of expression.

This great string quartet brought Concerts in the West's considerable musical contribution to the region in 2015 to an uplifting conclusion. Once again, audiences appreciated the playing of some of the very best young string players in the intimacy of the recital room.

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4.45-6.00pm SILKS AERIAL COURSE 11-16YR OLDS
5.45-7.00pm IYENGAR YOGA
6.00-7.00pm WALKING FOOTBALL (ON 3G PITCH)
6.00-7.15pm SILKS AERIAL COURSE ADULTS (16+)
7.00-7.45pm INDOOR CYCLING
7.45-8.45pm ABSANITY

TUESDAY
6.30-7.30pm ZUMBA
7.30-8.30pm CYCLEX CLASS

WEDNESDAY
4.00-6.00pm GYMNASTICS
5.45-7.00pm IYENGAR YOGA
7.00-8.00pm BACK 2 NETBALL
8.00-9.30pm VOLLEYBALL

THURSDAY
12.30-1.30pm 50+ KEEP FIT
6.00-7.00pm BOOTYBARRE
7.00-8.00pm PILATES

FRIDAY
6.00-7.00pm SILKS MIXED CLASS

For further information on classes and courses please call Richard on 07792 791038 or 01308 861911

View 2 Diary Dates

UNTIL SUNDAY JANUARY 3RD

LYME REGIS: For the fifth year, The Courtyard Gallery hosts a Vintage Pop Up Shop throughout the holiday season where you can pick up sourced, repaired and up-cycled vintage items, perfect for Secret Santas or Christmas treats, Courtyard Gallery, The Town Mill, Mill Lane DT7 3PU. Open daily; 10am-4.pm. Free admission. Visit www.townmillartsguild.com for more details

LYME REGIS: The annual Christmas Art Fair showcases the latest works by members of Town Mill Arts, offering for sale at affordable prices paintings, drawings, prints, pottery, textiles, jewellery and books, Malthouse Gallery, The Town Mill, Mill Lane, Lyme Regis DT7 3PU. Open daily; 10.30am-4.30pm. Free admission.
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WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 16TH

DORCHESTER: Film: 'Home Alone 2 - Lost in New York' showing at the Evergreens Cinema, at Age UK. Lights will dim at 1.45pm, tea and biscuits served during the showing for just £1.50. Ice creams will also be served. Everyone welcome. For more details call 01305 269444.

THURSDAY DECEMBER 17TH

BRIDPORT: Bridport U3A Singers festive carols to add Christmas cheer to shoppers in the town at 11am. They will be raising their voices in Bucky Doo Square but should the weather be wet, then they will be singing in the entrance to the Electric Palace.

SUNDAY DECEMBER 19TH

CHARMOUTH: Craft Fair at the Community Hall, 9am-3pm. The craft fair is for crafters of bespoke gifts and accessories, all of the craft sellers are local to this area.

MONDAY DECEMBER 21ST

CHARMOUTH: Charmouth and Bridport Pop 'n' Rock Choir Christmas concert in St Andrews Church. Tickets £6 available from Fortnam Smith and Banwell in Charmouth or on 01297 561625

SATURDAY JANUARY 2ND

BRIDPORT: Bridport Ceilidhs' first dance of 2016 with "Abacus", a young band out of Exeter Uni's folk dance circuit, teamed with experienced caller Richad Mason who specialises in writing and calling some intriguing dances. At Church House (St Mary's) Hall, South Street, Bridport DT6 3NW. Bring and Share finger food supper, with some soft drinks provided; bring your own beer/wine and make a party of it! Doors open 7.15 for 7.30-11pm dance. Tickets on the door at £9.00, cheaper to buy in advance for £8 from "The Music Shop", South Street, "The Lime Tree" Deli, West Street, or book with Monty or Mecki on 01308 423 442, email monty3dayslate@yahoo.co.uk. For more details visit www.bridportceilidhs.wordpress.com

SUNDAY JANUARY 3RD

BRIDPORT: International folk music and dance session at 12.30 – 2.30pm in The Ropemakers, West Street, Bridport DT6 3QP, featuring music from the Balkans, Greece and France. Regular sessions are held on the first Sunday of the month. Entry is free. All players are welcome (some sheet music can be distributed in advance if wished); dancers of any ability are invited, with walks-through for newcomers commencing at midday. The pub is open 12 – 3pm and serves excellent home-cooked lunches. Call Mecki on 01308 423 442 or email mecki1@yahoo.co.uk

MONDAY JANUARY 4TH

BRIDPORT: Bridport Folk Dance Club at 7.30-9.30 pm in the WI Hall, North Street, Bridport. Enjoy folk dancing mainly in the English tradition from Playford-style to modern-day compositions at Bridport's long-established weekly club, with guest and club callers, recorded music and occasional live bands. No partner or previous experience required. Membership available at £2 per year, giving entry at £2.50. Contact Jane on 01308 898 002 or Monty on 01308 423 442. Also on subsequent Mondays: 11th, 18th and 25th.

TUESDAY JANUARY 5TH

LYME REGIS: Lyme Regis Art Society. Meeting 2–4pm at Woodmead Halls. Dorset artist Stephen Foster demonstrates his approach to a seascape in oil over acrylic, with use of a palette knife. All are welcome. Non-members admittance is £5. Contact Sheila on 01297 445464 for further information.

THURSDAY JANUARY 7TH

DORCHESTER: The West Dorset Health Service Retirement Fellowship will meet at 2 for 2.30pm in the Boys Brigade Hall, Sawmills Lane, Dorchester DT1 2RZ when there will be a talk on Farm and Agriculture Advancement at Sydling St Nicholas. The West Dorset Health Service Retirement Fellowship was set up over 30 years ago for retired employees of the Health Service and their partners living in Dorset and meet on the first Thursday of every month except August and December. In addition to the monthly meetings, we have coach outings, a theatre trip and Christmas lunch. New members welcome. Contact 01305 261676 or 785546 for further information.

FRIDAY JANUARY 8TH

LYME REGIS: Lyme Bay Photographic Club. Competition: Street Photography. Followed by Penny Piddock with her presentation on Creative light. At Woodmead Halls, Hill Road, 7.30pm.

MONDAY JANUARY 11TH

DORCHESTER: Cruse Bereavement Care Dorset - Support Group meeting. At the United Church, 2-4pm. Have a chat over a cup of tea or coffee. For more details call 07767 305696.

BURTON BRADSTOCK: Biodanza at Othona. Express, Connect, Relax! Dance like no one's watching, no steps to learn, no partner needed, uplifting world music and holistic health benefits. For all ages from 19 to 90. 7.15pm for 7.30pm. Open to all. £7 (concs available). At Othona Community, Coast Road. For more details call 01308 897 130 or visit the website at biodanza-bridport.co.uk

BEAMINSTER: Dorset moviola present '45 Years' (cert 15) in the Beaminster Public Hall. Doors 7pm, film 7.30pm. Avaialble from Yarn Barton (01308 862715) weekdays 930-12.30 and Saturdays 9am-1pm, or call 01308 861746.

TUESDAY JANUARY 19TH

LYME REGIS: Lyme Regis Art Society. Meeting 2-4pm at Woodmead Halls. Celia Olsson from Devon will show us how to achieve texture in watercolour and mixed media. All are welcome. Non-members admittance is £5. Contact Sheila on 01297 445464 for more details

FRIDAY JANUARY 22ND

LYME REGIS: Lyme Bay Photographic Club. Jonathan Walker, Archive pictures of war photography from the Crimea to latest conflicts. At Woodmead Halls, Hill Road, 7.30pm.

MONDAY JANUARY 25TH

BURTON BRADSTOCK: Biodanza at Othona. Express, Connect, Relax! Dance like no one's watching, no steps to learn, no partner needed, uplifting world music and holistic health benefits. For all ages from 19 to 90. 7.15pm for 7.30pm. For those who have attended 5 or more Biodanza sessions. £7 (concs available). At Othona Community, Coast Road. For more details call 01308 897 130 or visit biodanza-bridport.co.uk

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The Melody Makers

THE MELODY MAKERS, an innovative festive alternative to the traditional pantomime is coming to the Marine Theatre, Lyme Regis, and Bridport Arts Centre over the Christmas period.

Bridport-born, Children's theatre specialist Tessa Bide is bringing her new show to the Marine Theatre and Bridport Arts Centre this New Year. Tessa's previous shows, *The Tap Dancing Mermaid* and *Arnold's Big Adventure*, have enjoyed sold-out performances in Bridport.

It's a magical, musical extravaganza set to charm the stockings off everyone in the family, The story is told using puppetry, with beautiful hand crafted puppets made by Sarah Dicks puppetry assistant on The Lion King, and live music and acting from performers Tessa Bide, Matt Huxley, Jean Bono and Megan Brooks. The story features a girl called Pip who hates Christmas, her only saving grace is her best friend, Rupert – a tiny robin who visits her every morning for the month of December. One morning, the Christmas music disappears and Pip must go on a quest to find out why the music has stopped!

Tessa Bide brings *The Melody Makers* to Lyme Regis and Bridport

The Melody Makers comes to the Marine Theatre, Lyme Regis from Monday, December 21st until Thursday, December 24th nightly at 6pm. Tickets are £9, and concessions £7. A family ticket (2 adults and 2 concs, or 1 adult and 3 concs) £28. Tickets are available from www.marinetheatre.com or by calling 01297 442138.

The show then comes to Bridport Arts Centre on Saturday, January 2nd at 7pm. Tickets are £8 adults, £6 children, and £25 family, available from www.bridport-arts.com or by calling 01308 424204.

On the Outside Looking In

Ed Byrne returns to the Electric Palace

ONE OF the UK's leading comedians is back on the road this winter with a brand new show! You know - that bloke. The Irish guy. No, not the bald one - the other one. You know him. The one Carol from work really likes. Wait, that might be Jason Byrne. Anyway… funny chap… has a new show!

As an observational stand up, Ed Byrne is unrivalled. Wherever he performs, be it the Edinburgh Festival, on the International Circuit or a UK tour it is always to capacity audiences. He is consistently at the top of his game and produces time and time again not only fabulously funny shows but shows which critically are highly acclaimed!

Ed's Television credits are far reaching. Notable appearances include Mock The Week, Have I Got News For You, The Graham Norton Show, Live At The Apollo (all BBC) and Comic Relief Bake Off 2015, which sees Ed Hosting one of the studio programmes as well as presenting the supporting Appeals VT, filmed in Uganda.

A future combining a TV career and his passion for the outdoors is in sights as he has now broken into Factual presenting. He continues to be a serious outdoors enthusiast e.g. he recently climbed Mt Blanc (Europe's highest mountain) for the second time! The past two years have seen appearances on Dangerous Roads (BBC Two), Volcano Live (BBC Two) and he has co-presented a 3 X 1 hr series, Dara & Ed's Big Adventure which is due for TX on BBC Two, Spring 2015. Ed writes a regular column for The Great Outdoor Magazine and will be fitting is as much Munro Bagging as he possible can whilst on Tour!

Ed Byrne brings the Outside Looking In tour to Bridport's Electric Palace on Thursday, January 14th. For more details and to book visit www.electric-palace.org.uk or call 01308 424901.

Puppetry fun at the Lyric Theatre with The Matthew Robins Show

FRESH from London's Suspense Festival of Puppetry and the Science Museum, Bridport audiences are in for a treat this Christmas with the acclaimed Matthew Robins bringing his incredible artistry to the town with performances for both adults and children, including a unique chance to work with the artist to create exquisite shadow puppets.

Performing live – with puppets and music - The Matthew Robins Show is a collection of songs, short stories, shadow-puppets, home-made animations, made-up games, choose-your-own-adventures, and competitive audience puppet-making. He tells visual stories about animals, monsters, insects, love, the ocean and death, and there will be some festive stories too!

It's a bit like a one-man variety show but with a band as well! Come and hear about Flyboy (he's half-boy / half-fly) and his friend Mothboy, Evaporina (she can't sit too close to the radiator), the sad story of the Wicker Cat, Walter Knitty (he's made of wool), and many others, including some new songs written especially for this show.

In the last few years they group have performed at the Barbican, the National Theatre, Tate Modern and Tate Britain, the Howard Assembly Room for Opera North, the De La Warr Pavilion, in a horse-box in Sherwood Forest, for Horse+Bamboo, and most recently at the Suspense Puppetry Festival.

Matthew has made shows for the National Theatre, the Barbican and the Unicorn Theatre (Something Very Far Away), and an installation of his work is on permanent display at the Science Museum in London.

Suitable for adults and older children (8+, brave younger children are also welcome with their families). For a taster please visit his website: www.sadlucy.com

The Matthew Robins Show comes to the Lyric Theatre, Bridport on Friday, December 18th at 8pm, and on Saturday, December 19th at 4pm and 8pm. Tickets are £10 (advance) or £12 (on the door) for adults, and £6 for children, available from Bridport Arts Centre 01308 424204.

Matthew will be running a workshop on Saturday, December 19th, 12-2pm, £12 adults / £10 children. Please book your place with The Lyric: 01308 423951 / admin @ the-lyric.com - limited places are available and it's suitable for ages 8+. Come and find out how to make your own shadow-puppets.

The Matthew Robins show in action

Singing the songs of the sea

ACCLAIMED as the finest purveyors of sea songs and sea shanties in the world, The Kimber's Men are stars of Channel 4's Sunday Brunch, and they will be singing up a storm on The Marine Theatre Stage on Saturday, December 19th.

Nothing beats the resonance of hearing a hearty group of male singers of this quality live.The group now comprise Joe Stead (Ship's Doctor), John Bromley (Ship's Cook), Neil Kimber (Bosun), Gareth Scott (Powder Monkey) and Michael Beeke (Stowaway). Michael plays the Northumbrian Pipes and has added a completely new dimension to the sound since joining the band three years ago.

Comedy, unusual for shanty singers, make up a good part of the show. So be prepared to laugh.

In John Bromley Kimber's Men boast the finest bass singer on the British folk scene today. Indeed it is likely you will get a rendition of 'Old Man River' at some point during the concert. The founder member, Joe Stead who is almost a legend in his own right actually met and sang with Paul Robeson and was a friend of Pete Seeger the legendary American singer who died recently. Pete wrote such classics as 'Where have all the flowers gone' and 'If I had a hammer'. Joe has performed twice in concert in America with Pete, both in New York and for the Delaware River Valley Project in New Jersey when Neil Kimber accompanied him.

Kimber's Men play on Saturday, December 19th, 7.30pm at the Marine Theatre, Lyme Regis.

Tickets are £14.50, or concessions£12.50, a TheatreFriends discount is available, and LYT members can come for £1! / All Ages/ Running time: 90 minutes plus interval.

To book tickets, contact TIC on 01297 442138 or visit the website at www.marinetheatre.com

Kimber's Men

view from TM PropertyView

5 TIPS FOR SELLING YOUR HOUSE

By Julia Gray, Press Association

1. NEUTRAL DECOR: It's said that neutral decor sells homes and, of course, it does. It's tough to be offended by neutral colours, and then if buyers want to inject colour and pattern, it's not hard to do so. Neutral doesn't, by any means, have to be bland and boring though - it's all about how you put the look together with accessories, flooring and furniture. Neutral colours, especially white, also help to make rooms feel lighter, brighter and more spacious. The Dulux Light + Space Matt range (from £20.99 for 2.5ltr, www.dulux.co.uk) has the same intention. These neutral and pastel colours use light-reflective particles to bounce light around, and work especially well in gloomy, north-facing rooms.

2. FINISHED YOUR DIY JOBS: It's easy to live with unfinished DIY jobs, but once you've decided to put your home on the market, dodgy DIY is a big no-no. It can put buyers off and make them think they'll need to spend more time and money finishing the work than they necessarily will. If you can't do the jobs yourself, get a pro in - it will be money well spent. Even if you've finished the DIY, you need to keep on top of it because things deteriorate. Common problems include marks on walls, hairline cracks that keep opening and chipped woodwork. Things like this make your home look shabby, so going from room to room with a fresh eye and putting right the problems is worth the effort.

3. EXTERIOR MAINTENANCE: It's also worth scrutinising the outside of your home. Exterior maintenance is easy to overlook, but it's something a buyer's surveyor will pick up on, so it's worth pre-empting any remedial work, as it could save you time, money and hassle. Not maintaining the exterior can also lead to problems inside, such as damp caused by missing or slipped roof tiles, or faulty guttering. And don't forget kerb appeal - making a good first impression from outside your home is essential. Inside, a neat and tidy hallway also creates a good first impression - ensure there's enough storage for coats, shoes and scarves, etc, preferably out of sight.

4. CLEAN: Giving your home a really good clean - and cleaning, airing and tidying it before every viewing - is a must. If you have masses of personal items on display, consider packing them away. While making your home look too sterile won't help sell it, a cluttered home will put buyers off. Remember, they may look in cupboards and wardrobes, so stuffing these full of things isn't the answer because it shows you don't have enough storage space. Instead, create more storage, preferably built-in or in the loft or garden, or get the stuff out of your home and into a storage unit.

5. SPACE: Make the most of the space you have - put a dining table in the kitchen (as long as it isn't a squeeze) to turn it into a kitchen-diner, and put the biggest bed you can comfortably fit in each bedroom. If you have a study or home office and the room would be more valuable as a bedroom, swap the desk for a bed, at least while you sell. The trick is to make your home easy for buyers to imagine as their home, and to move on emotionally so you can move on physically.

HOW-TO TIP: Worklights are invaluable when the days are shorter, but they're really bright and can cause you to see imperfections you wouldn't normally see in either daylight or artificial light (depending on the type of artificial light in the room). This can mean you end up doing more work than you need to, if, for example, you're filling walls and woodwork. Directing the light away from where you're working helps, so you benefit from the light but it's not directly illuminating what you're working on. Worklights are also brilliant for drying things quickly, including paint and filler, and give off a surprising amount of heat, so they can be used to warm up a room in preparation for painting. Paint shouldn't be applied in temperatures below 10°C.

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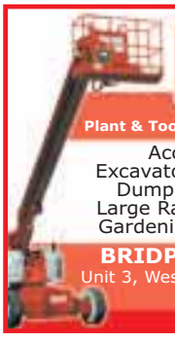

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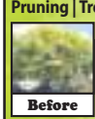
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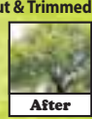
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The exclusive carbon-fibre/aluminium engine cover also visually conveys the exceptional strengths of the V12 engine, which will be hand-assembled on the new, additional AMG engine line in Mannheim from 2016. The ultra-modern assembly layout is logistically and ergonomically perfect for the AMG philosophy of "One Man, One Engine". This means that at AMG's headquarters in Affalterbach (production of V8 engines) and in AMG engine production in Kölleda/Thuringia (4–cylinder engines), each engine is assembled entirely by hand by a single technician in Mannheim. A badge bearing the technician's signature and attached to the engine is a personal testimony of perfection and quality.

Standard equipment for the Mercedes-AMG S 65 Cabriolet includes the following (selection):

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- Seat Comfort package for driver and front passenger
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In the UK, the Mercedes-AMG S 65 Cabriolet can be ordered from 4 April 2016, with the first cars in Mercedes-Benz retailers in the summer.

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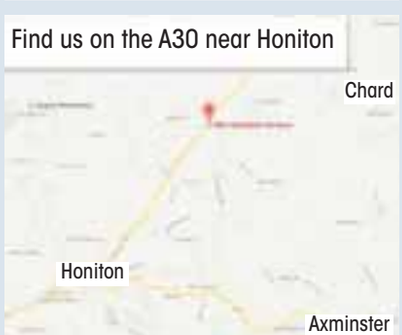

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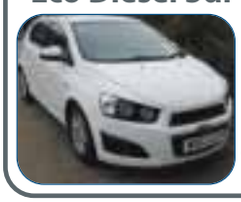

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Evo-Stik Premier (46)	Pld	Pts
Poole Town	25	53
Chippenham Town	24	41
Hungerford Town	24	41
Redditch Utd	23	40
Leamington	22	39
Dunstable Town	25	39
WEYMOUTH	22	38
Hitchin Town	20	36
Kettering Town	23	36
DORCHESTER TOWN	23	34
King's Lynn Town	22	32
Slough Town	24	32
St Neots Town	23	31
Cambridge City	20	31
Stratford Town	19	30
Biggleswade Town	23	30
Merthyr Town	22	27
Cirencester Town	20	26
Histon	25	23
Chesham Utd	19	22
Frome Town	21	19
Bideford	23	16
Bedworth	26	14
Paulton Rovers	22	11

Dorset Premier (32)	Pld	Pts
Hamworthy Recreation	14	35
Merley Cobham	14	34
Shaftesbury Town	12	31
BALTI SPORTS	16	30
WEYMOUTH RES	14	25
Sherborne Town Res	14	24
Hamworthy Utd Res	16	24
Swanage & Herston	14	23
Westland Sports	18	23
Holt Utd	16	22
Parley Sports	14	20
South Cheriton Utd	19	19
Blandford Utd	18	17
Wareham Rangers	16	17
Mere Town	15	16
BRIDPORT RES	16	16
Cranborne	20	3

Dorset Senior (24)	Pld	Pts
Gillingham Town Res	8	19
Witchampton Utd	9	18*
Dorchester Sports	10	18
Poole Borough	12	15
Chickerell Utd	6	14
Sturm Newton Utd	11	14
Westlands Sports Res	8	12
Piddletrenthide Spartans	7	11
Corfe Mullen Utd	8	10
Blandford Utd Reserves	8	8
Portland Utd Reserves	8	6
Stourpaine	5	2*
Sturminster Marshall	6	1

Dorset Div One (22)	Pld	Pts
Boscombe Polonia	10	25
Milborne Port	10	24
Wincanton Town Res	10	19
Canford Utd	9	13
Dorchester Sports Res	10	13
Lytchett Red Triangle	10	10
Shaftesbury Town Res	6	7
Swanage Town & H Res	7	7
Gillingham Town A	9	5
Portland Town	7	3

Dorset Div Two (24)	Pld	Pts
Chickerell Utd Reserves	9	25
Parley Sports Reserves	11	19
Mere Town Reserves	11	18
Puddletown	10	17
Corfe Castle	8	16
Tisbury	8	15
Broadstone	10	15
AFC Blandford	10	13
Wool & Winfrith	10	10
Wareham Rangers Res	9	9
AFC Milborne	9	8
Piddlehinton Utd	11	6
Portesham Utd	8	0

Dorset Div Three (18)	Pld	Pts
Maiden Newton & Catt	11	21
Portland Utd Youth	7	19
Portland Town Res	9	15
Broadstone Reserves	7	12
Stalbridge	9	10
Owermoigne	8	8
Milborne Port Res	6	7
Sturminster Newton Res	9	7
Handley Sports	8	3

Dorset Div Four (20)	Pld	Pts
Marnhull	11	25
Sturm Marshall Res	9	19
Pimperne Sports Soc	10	19
Donhead Utd	10	19
UFC Poundbury	9	13
Portland Town A	8	13
Wool & Winfrith Res	11	13
Kangaroos	10	13
Corfe Mullen Utd Res	9	11
South Cheriton Res	11	6
AFC Blandford Reserves	8	2

Dorset Div Five (14)	Pld	Pts
Portland Town B	12	24
Okeford Utd	9	23
Lytchett & Upton	10	18
Chickerell Utd Res	10	16
Marnhull Reserves	11	16
Corfe Castle Reserves	7	13
Crossways Spitfires	13	6
Wool & Winfrith A	12	5

Football round-up

WITH HOWARD LARCOMBE

Dorchester Sports edged out in 11-goal cup thriller

SENIOR LEAGUE

GILLINGHAM Town Reserves stay in top spot after 3-2 away win Poole Borough with the two consolation goals for Poole coming from Ryan Mabey.

Witchhampton Utd remain second after their 3-1 success at Blandford Utd Reserves. Dan Baxter netted the hosts' consolation

Dorchester Sports stay in the top three after a 3-1 victory against Sturminster Newton Utd with goals Ashley White, Ross Foot and John Clarke-Jones.

Corfe Mullen Utd won their third game of the season when they defeated their visitors Piddletrenthide Spartans 3-2 with their goals coming from Jack McGann (2) and Dan Flooks.

DIVISION ONE

MILBORNE Port closed the gap on the leaders to a point following their 3-2 success against Shaftesbury Town Reserves - Scott Martin (2) and Luke Williams scored for the winners.

Third placed Wincanton Town Reserves march on with a 7-1 hammering of Portland Town. Gary Prudames had the Portland consolation.

Gillingham Town A moved off the foot of the table with a 2-0 win against Lytchett RT courtesy of a double from Matt Gaertig.

Canford Utd progressed to the semi final stage of the Dorset Intermediate Cup beating Wareham Rangers Resrves 4-1.

DIVISION TWO

PARLEY Sports hoisted themselves up into second place with Anthony Sykes scoring the winner in a 1-0 victory over Broadstone.

Wool & Winfrith reached the semi final stage of the Dorset Intermediate Cup after beating hosts Dorchester Sports 6-5. The teams had been locked at 5-5 at the end of full time.

DIVISION THREE

MAIDEN NEWTON & Cattistock remain top after 3-1 win at Stalbridge.

Unbeaten Portland Utd Youth are hot on their heels after their 6-3 victory at Broadstone with goals from Chris Reader (2), Alex Gould (2), Rob Maxstead and Brendon Kelly.

Portland Town Reserves move up into the top three after their 5-1 triumph at Owermoigne thanks to goals from Danny Sheppard (2), Matthew Dunlop, Teejay Smith-McFarlane and new signing Mark Pike.

Handley Sports gained their first points of the season when won 2-0 at Sturminster Newton Utd Reserves.

DIVISION FOUR

MARNHULL stay in pole position following their 2-1win host Wool & Winfirth Reserves and now head the table by six points. The Wool consolation goal came from Phil Summers

Sturminster Marshall Reserves reached the semi final of the Dorset Minor Cup beating AFC Blandford Reserves 2-1.

DIVISION FIVE

CROSSWAY Spitfires move off the foot of the table following their 4-3 success against their visitors Wool & Winfrith A Andy Hunt helped himself to a hat-trick and Mike James had the other for the Spitfires.

Finally, Corfe Castle Reserves reached the semi final of the Dorset Minor Cup with a 2-1 win over Perry Street League Division Three side Charmouth.

Rotablade lifts Djivanovic to first win

The Hursley Hambledon at Larkhill IT was a balmy December day for racegoers to enjoy at Larkhill on Sunday when the new Wessex point-to-point season opened.

Some competitive racing was the feature of the day on going described as good.

Highlights were a first riding success for Izzi Djivanovic on her first ride, a double for owner David Maxwell and a riding double for Nick Lawton.

The meeting began with the Hunt race with the favourite Pateese outstaying Terra Bleu to give Hursley, near Winchester, trainer Penny Lownds another win in her Hunt race. She was repeating last year's success and reckoned this was the sixth time she has won the race.

The Ladies Open provided a shock when long odds on favourite Chapoturgeon, ridden by Bryony Frost, fell when closing on the leaders at the 15th fence.

This left Rotablade, ridden by Djivanovic, to win by eight lengths from Court In Session. The 24-year-old is assistant trainer to National Hunt trainer Caroline Keevil and has had success in the eventing world, including representing Great Britain at the Young Rider Europeans. She bought the horse privately with the intention of taking him team chasing.

When that season finished, she thought she might have a go at point-to-pointing and, by the way he jumped, there could be other successes before the season is over.

David Maxwell enjoyed his first ever riding success at Larkhill aboard No Loose Change, who held the late surge by Join Together ridden by Stan Sheppard in the Men's Open race. He took up the running at the 14th fence and his mount stayed on to record a first point-to-point success.

A return to Hunter Chasing may be on the cards for the Kim Smyly trained 10-year-old and a tilt at the Aintree Foxhunters could be a long term season aim for the combination. The second ran a most encouraging race, having missed all of last season, and only went down by a length.

Mr Simpkins, the impressive looking son of Presenting, made virtually all to win the Restricted race ridden by Sam Waley-Cohen and held off the attentions of Porlock Bay ridden by Will Biddick by four lengths. As he had not raced since May 2014, this was an excellent performance.

The Open Maiden was divided on the day and the two races may well produce a number of winners over the season.

The first division was the closest finish of the day, being only half a length between Big Bad Barry and Sugar Loaf Sholto at the line.

This was the second winner of the day for owner David Maxwell, but this time the horse was ridden by Alex Edwards for trainer Axelle Wall. Bought by her husband Mark at Doncaster in May 2014 he has grown up this year and Mark exclaimed that he was 'chuffed to bits' to have found a horse for David, who was able to win first time out.

The second division provided a welcome winner for owner-trainer Sally Alner whose Bonzo's Copse proved too good for his 11 rivals. Ridden by Stan Sheppard, who was recommended to Sally by Andrew Doyle, pupil assistant trainer at Paul Nicholls.

After Posh Totty had won the concluding TBA Club Members Race for the Jack Barber/Will Biddick combination by a distance, an objection was lodged on the grounds the winner had not carried the correct weight. Posh Totty was disqualified, with the race being awarded to Triggywinkle, giving Nick Lawton his first riding double of his career.

Bushwacker was the winner of the charity flat race, where all the funds raised will be going to the Hampshire Air Ambulance.

Ridden by Laura Elliott, 27, who runs a livery yard at Plaitford, Hampshire the plan is for Bushwacker, a former useful chaser for Ron Hodges, to attempt a point-to-point campaign where he will be ridden by Laura's partner, Josh Cameron.

RESULTS

Hunt Members (4 ran) 1 Pateese (FR) 1/3F (N Lawton); 2 Terra Bleu (IRE) 5/1 (O Wedmore); 3 Shantou Breeze (IRE) 5/2 (L Madgwick). 6mins 18s. 2l, 8l. (Penny Lownds)

Ladies Open (6 ran) 1 Rotablade (GB) 14/1 (I Djivanovic); 2 Court In Session (IRE) 12/1 (A Roberts); 3 Fitandproperjob (GB) 5/1 (G Andrews). 6mins 21s. 15l, nk. (Isabel Djivanovic).

Mens Open (11 ran) 1 No Loose Change (IRE) 5/1 (D Maxwell); 2 Join Together (IRE) 7/4 (Stan Sheppard); 3 Real Milan (IRE) 50/1 (Jack Jones). Time 6mins 09s . 2¼l, 25l. (Kim Smyly).

Restricted (8 ran) 1 Mr Simpkins (GB) 4/6F (S Waley-Cohen); 2 Porlock Bay (IRE) 9/2 (W Biddick); 3 Sin Bin (IRE) 7/2 (G Andrews). 6mins 12s. 6l, 30l. (Robert Waley-Cohen).

Open Maiden (Div 1) (11 ran) 1 Big Bad Barry (IRE) 7/1 (Alex Edwards); 2 Sugar Loaf Sholto (IRE) 5/2 (Z Baker); 3 Thereyarsee (GB) 7/4F (Stan Sheppard). 6mins 18.5s. 1l, 3l. (Axelle Wall).

Open Maiden (Div 2) (12 ran) 1 Bonzo's Copse (GB) 12/1 (Stan Sheppard); 2 Athreeothree (IRE) 7/4F (W Biddick); 3 Mr Cardle (IRE) 9/2 (J Hill). 6 mins 14s. 15l, 8l. (Sally Alner).

TBA Club Members (Mares & Fillies) (3 ran) 1 Triggywinkle (FR) 9/1 (N Lawton). 6mins 40s. (Roderick Chelton).

◆ **ON THE CHARGE:** Sean Murphy in action in Weymouth & Portland RFC's 38-24 Dorset & Wilts Division Two (south) win at Bournemouth 3rds on Saturday.
Photo by CHRIS DAVIS

Weymouth & District Table Tennis League

Springfield A hold lead at mid-season interval

SPRINGFIELD A head in to the festive break at the top of **Division One** after a 29-8 victory over Colliton X. Craig Stanten and Steve Jackson secured nine points each with Andy Millar claiming eight.

Budmouth A sit in third place with a 26-15 win over Shipton Gorge A.

In a match where both teams could only field two players Budmouth C eventually overcame Red Triangle by a strangely low 12-8 score line.

Will Jolliffe showed he is a match for any experienced player by beating both Derrick Dawson and Mike Spracklen.

The **Division Two** clash between Preston B and Springfield B was always likely to be a close encounter and so it proved with the former eventually winning 26-20.

Shipton Gorge only played with two players, Derek Wheeler and Brian Cammell, but the experienced duo showed why they will be challenging for the top positions to win the match 19-17 on the doubles.

Tom Lydford continues to impress this season with a full nine points in a close 22-19 win over Springfield C. Budmouth C seemed to get better as the night wore on and Springfield needed to win the doubles to get a draw but went down in a tight five setter.

Division Three leaders STEPS M lost 14-27 to Shipton Gorge C this week. Mike Hall topped scored for STEPS in securing six points with Dave Poole hitting the full nine points for Shipton.

Despite retaining the leaders hip, Shipton are now only five points adrift with three games in hand.

Richard Ellerby and Alec Bailey also scored nine points for Pilgrims B in their convincing 29-7 win over Preston D, who still looking for their first league win of the season.

Wyke C won 20-15 despite some spirited play from Springfield Ds evergreen Mike Richardson (4) and the rapidly improving Chris Moth (2).

Dave Moth won all three of his singles matches for Springfield to give them a respectable result on the night despite losing.

All fixtures, results, tables and averages can be found at www.ttleague.co.uk.

◆ **PRESTON A:** From left; Derrick Shilliday, Stan Smith and Alec Brown who play in Division 2

Squash

Just what the doctor ordered

Bridport 3rd 14
West Hants 4th 7

BRIDPORT 3rds extended their lead at the summit of Dorset Squash League Division Five with this well worked victory over a useful looking West Hants 4ths; they are now 30 points clear and favourites for promotion at the end of the season writes Roger Lewis.

At one for Bridport was local physician Riaz Dharamshi who again was dishing out the medicine with another clinical display against his young opponent Steven Morgan.

Everything that Morgan tried was cut out by a sound demonstration of varying shots from Dharasmshi which included straight drives, tight boasts, drop shots from all corners of the court, all followed up with sound and simple squash play.

These tactics kept Morgan from playing his natural game enabling Dharamshi maintain his unbeaten run with a 9-1, 9-5, 9-2 victory.

Tom Munro at two for was up against a very experienced opponent John Catlin who has been on the squash scene for a long period, and he had Munro looking at retrieving shots from all angles of the court with the consequence that his returns were not tight and crisp.

This allowed Catlin to play out his game plan to record an easy 9-7, 9-3, 9-4 victory.

Paul Cross had his winning run halted by another experienced player in West Hants Richie Wright. He summed up Cross' play right from the start and by stemming and cutting out his hard hitting shots with the chopped drop shot coupled with the acute boast, gave him the advantage.

As well as Cross tried, he found it difficult to read Wright's tactical play and he had to be content that his winning run was stopped by the play of a really good player as he went down 6-9, 6-9, 9-2, 6-9.

Nathan Neale who is improving in every game for the team, was involved in a really good match against Phil Tomlinson.

Both players went into the match with a plan to dominate the court centre and this led to some long rallies up and down the walls, and the retrieving abilities by both players was impressive.

It was finally all down to fitness and at the end it was Neale who went through to win an absorbing match 9-2, 9-2, 7-9, 9-7.

Dave Stewart at five for Bridport had a walkover as West Hants could not field a player.

Bridport Rugby Club

Defence the key as Blues bounce back

Bridport 44 Puddletown 13

BRIDPORT needed to put last week's painful loss to Dorchester 2nds behind them, and they did so against a spirited Puddletown side, emerging worthy victors 44 points to 13.

It was a victory based on a much more solid defence, at one stage resisting four consecutive penalties close to their own line and conceding only one try all afternoon. Typifying the defensive effort was a last ditch tap tackle from Bret Chant to foil a promising attack.

Bridport were first on the scoreboard with fly-half Will Everitt catching the blindside defence napping to coast in for a try, to which he was unable to add the conversion as gusty conditions once again made life difficult for the kickers.

Puddletown responded with a penalty kick from the boot of Tom Yeatman as Bridport were guilty of holding on at the breakdown.

Great running from winger Murray Rawstorne set up Dave Cutting to score Bridport's next, again the kick went wide.

But again Bridport were guilty of conceding a penalty in kickable range to keep Puddletown in the hunt at 10–6.

Everitt added three points for a penalty at the other end and the visitors missed an opportunity to do likewise.

It was now that Bridport really turned it on, the forwards marching Puddletown backwards, forcing a penalty and from the lineout driving them back some more, James Tuck touching down for the try. The kick went wide but the lead was now 18–6.

With confidence high, the Blues played more expansively with some excellent handling from both forwards and backs. Another good offload from Rawstorne launched Al McNab over the try line to end the half at 23–6.

The quality of play was not quite as high in the second half, but Bridport's forwards remained dominant and pressure at a five metre scrum forced Puddletown to concede a penalty try which was converted.

Liam Poole, on for an injured Dave Cutting, added another try from short range. The conversion made it 37–6.

To their credit Puddletown didn't give up and when the hosts lost a player for a yellow card they came back with a converted try.

Bridport were to have the last word though, as Al McNab took a great line to score under the posts, the conversion was added to complete a convincing victory.

Lytchett U13 5 Bridport 17

A SOLID performance from Bridport earned an enjoyable away victory.

A wobbly start with a knock-on was soon turned around with a powerful set-piece that was to be the back bone of the game.

The scrum dominated and won many against the head and set up several platforms to attack from. This was also emulated in the line-out with match-of-the-match Joel Pittard winner 90 percent of the opposition ball.

Heading in at half time two tries up both scored by Finlay Shoemark, the Blues were still struggling to win the break down with Lytchett keener and more eager.

The second half again started with forwards dominating and with powerful runs from flanker Lewis Ali and No8 Charlie Taylor the victory could have been sealed.

Yet the hosts defended well and prevented several attempts five metres from their own line.

The third try came once again from Shoemark who then added to his score with a conversion.

With the game won Lytchett Minister did come back with a score in the 30th minute.

Sherborne 12s 30 Bridport U12s 15

YEOVIL, without an U12 team, played hosts to Bridport and Sherborne.

In the first half, playing downhill, Bridport were slow to the ball, slow to drive over, and within ten minutes were three tries down.

A further try by Sherborne was replied with a superb solo drive and try by Jack Handford, but trailing 4-1 at half-time, and with Sherborne now downhill, most spectators were expecting a drubbing. Not so.

Bridport raised their game and, with George Found driving uphill like a man possessed, quick ruck ball fed to the backs and James Clatworthy and Toby Gale both went over to make the score 4-3.

But two breakaway tries gave Sherborne a 6-3 victory.

However, despite fielding a depleted team, Bridport could leave the pitch with their heads held high. Caleb Coulter and Man of the Match George Found set themselves a high standard for the rest of the season.

Yeovil & Sherborne U10 v Bridport

BRIDPORT Under 10s played away at Yeovil in this three cornered contest.

Although they were not quite at their best over four games, they put in a very solid performance, drawing twice against Yeovil, once against Sherborne and losing only in the last game against the latter.

In the first game against Yeovil the score was two tries apiece, Mally Titcombe-James with the first from a penalty, and Charlie Brake showing good awareness to claim the second.

In the second, against what is a very strong Sherborne side, they did very well to restrict the opposition to three tries, scoring three of their own through Barney Johnson, Charles Edwards and Dom Burdett.

The score was the same in the third game against Yeovil, Johnson, very difficult to stop from short range, with two tries and Edwards with another.

In the final game against Sherborne the Blues went down four tries to one, as they ran out of puff with Johnson again the scorer.

Charles Edwards was Player of the day.

Very much on the positive side with this team is their growing awareness of the strengths and weaknesses of the opposition and their ability to respond intelligently.

If they can maintain their defensive structure they are proving to be a difficult side to beat.

South West Dorset Schools Cross country Championships

Colfox take team plaudits but individuals shine

THE Sir John Colfox Academy once again demonstrated their teamwork in this year's South West Dorset Schools Cross Country Championships by winning five of the six titles, but there were individual successes for other local schools showing the depth in talent across the region.

The championship league is run over three races at different schools concluding at Bridport last week.

Fin Cauldwell of The Sir John Colfox was sensational, winning all three races and taking the individual title, although he had great support from his team members as they swept the board in the Year 7 Boys category.

Having won the team title in the first two races, incredibly they finished in the first four places in the final race with Tom Kilcoyne finishing runner-up in the individual title and Mannie Wellman and Jake Childs tying for third place.

Overall team result: 1st Colfox; 2nd St Osmund's; 3rd Dorchester Middle School

St Osmund's Dorchester won the Year 7 Girls title with Emily Pitman the individual champion.

Beaminster School's Olivia Still was second with May Cornwell, the most consistent Sir John Colfox runner taking third.

Beaminster were second overall and Budmouth College third with Colfox who finished sixth after the first race improving to take fourth spot.

Colfox Junior Girls are a strong team and not unexpectedly, like last year, went through the league series undefeated, which was demonstrated by Olivia Willmore (2nd) and Dulcie Gatehouse (3rd) in the individual standings.

However, it was Maddy Johnson of Thomas Hardye School Dorchester who showed her prowess by retaining her title she won last year.

Colfox B showed the school's strength in depth by finishing second overall with Woodroffe School, Lyme Regis taking third.

Whilst Colfox won all three races and had six runners in the top ten in the final Junior Boys race, it was Ryan Purse from Budmouth who took the individual title ahead of Colfox duo Manny Cox (2nd) and Nat Wormleighton who wfinished third.

Woodroffe were runners-up in the team awards with Colfox B third.

The Colfox Inter Boys have the strongest squad they have ever had, and the depth of talent is quite incredible. After reaching the Southern England final they were always expected to do well in the area league, and they did not disappoint going through undefeated.

The final race saw an incredible sprint finish between Tom Crabtree and Dan Elliott with the former just holding on to win it at the end.

However it was Woodroffe's Oliver Caute who took the individual title ahead of Crabtree and Elliott, helping his school to second overall behind Colfox A with Colfox B in third.

Probably the real surprise was the Colfox Inter Girls who also went through all three races undefeated, although Somer Horsfield made it a Woodroffe double in the Inter group by taking the individual title, with Olivia Symes finishing second overall and Sydney March third.

Overall team result: 1st Colfox; 2nd Beaminster; 3rd Woodroffe

◆ **SUPREME:** Fin Cauldwell from The Sir John Colfox School who was unbeatable in winning the Year 7 Boys title at the recent South West Dorset Schools Cross Country Championships pictured receiving her award from sponsor Ashley Chant of A P Chant

The Sir John Colfox Academy would like to thank the Colfox Trust for allowing them to race and train on their land, and to AP Chant for sponsoring the Area Cross Country League.

Bridport Darts

Division One	Pld	Pts
BSC	9	14
Rubber Johns	9	14
Rob's Robbers	9	13
Fleet Street Five	10	13
Hands of Time	9	12
Nomads	9	10
It's in the Middle	10	9
Nags Head A	10	9
Noth'n But Treble	9	6
Odds or Us	10	4
Young Darters	10	2

Division Two	Pld	Pts
Elders	9	16
Les Miserables	9	15
One for the Vikings	10	13
Respect-de-Bull	10	11
Dat Team	8	11
Anchor Vale Viewers	9	7
Otter Rotters	7	5
Poachers	8	4
Royal Hawks	8	2
Time Bombs	6	0

Division Three	Pld	Pts
Anchor Five	9	14
Mis Fits	9	12
Flashes Fives	9	11
3 Become 1	9	9
Only Just	8	9
Tiger Bees	8	9
The Surgeons	8	8
Midnight Runners	9	8
No Direction	8	6
The Royal Nuts	9	0

Division Four	Pld	Pts
Dart Vaders	9	16
Wicked Team Name	9	13
The Nameless	8	10
Whamo	9	9
Sorted Odds	8	9
Thunder Birds are Go	8	8
Dodgers	8	8
Odds & Sods	8	6
Mozzies Heroes	9	3
Ace of Clubs	8	2

Ladies Division One	Pld	Pts
Anchor Aces	14	25
Arrows Awry	14	23
Tender Trap	14	16
Clocking On	14	14
Sue's Rebels	14	14
Queen Bees	14	12
Against the Odds	14	4
Castaways	14	1

Ladies Division Two	Pld	Pts
Queenies of the Club	14	24
Up and Downers	14	18
Wildcats	14	16
Next Door	15	16
Wrong Bed	14	13
Good Mates	15	12
Tiger Stripes	14	12
Charlie's Angels	14	10
Anchors Aweigh	14	7

180s: D1 - M.Fisher (Hands of Time) x7, D2 - S.Crabb (Les Miserables) x3, D3 - Nine players x1, D4 - A.Page (Wicket TN) x3, LD1 - T.Dawe & S.James (both Anchor Aces) both x1, LD2 - T.Wayland (Wrong Bed) x1.

Lyme Darts

Table	Pld	Pts
Rousdon Club	6	12
Nags Z	7	12
Nags Head A	7	11
Janners	8	10
Rock Point	5	8
Four Play	7	7
Cobb Arms	10	6
Hunters Lodge	6	6
Talbot Arms	9	5
Royal Standard	6	5
Four's Company	7	3
Half an Octopus	8	1

180s leaders: R.Cross & A.Reid (both 2).

Cribbage

Bridport	Pld	Pts	BL
Durbeyfield	11	89	17
Crown Inn B	10	81	19
Anchor Inn	11	80	11
Hope & Anchor	10	78	18
Oddfellows	10	77	14
Crown Inn A	9	76	14
George WBay	10	74	19
Ilchester Arms	10	71	12
Quarterdeck A	11	64	14

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Bowls

Ladies help in County win

MARGARET Clapp, Pat Cornick, Francis Hewett & Pamela Daters were on fine form for the county as Dorset won on all six rinks against OXFORD in the National Knockout competition for the Atherley Trophy, and will now play old rivals Devon in the next round.

Meanwhile, Joan Higman, Penny Pither, Anne Parkins& Janet Tattershall picked up two points for the Ladies B team in the county league with a 28-11 win over MOONFLEET B.

Tony Bartlett, Roy Gill & Mike Fletcher also picked up two points in the Over 60s league against the DORSET RESORT CLUB winning 15-9.

Bridport's Mixed Friendly's side had a good win when they played host to SHERBORNE. Sylvia and Mike Fletcher, Nova Varney & Mel Hargett took top rink award, shooting into a 23-0 lead before finally winning 29-9.

Robin Pither, Gerry Moss, Julie Bright & Margaret Fifield came from 7-9 down to win 26-21, whilst Pam Gray, Peter Varney, Pat & Roger Cowmeadow were trailing 3-9, before coming out on top 20-16.

The Fletchers, Hargett and Peter Sandall squeezed home 21-20 against Gillingham, with Lyn Sandall, David Jenkins, Fifield & David Aylott also having success18-15.

Lyme Golf

Webb spins way to top

AFTER some recent good performances Phil Webb climbed to the top, winning Division One of the December medal by four shots with a nett 68 ahead of Neal Cullen and Roger Turner nett 72 and 73 respectively.

John Hodgetts won Division Two in emphatic style with the best score of the day and by a big margin, carding a nett 67, with Les Bounds, 75, 2nd and 3rd, Tom Barclay, 76

The weather-affected seniors' stableford saw a close competition in Division One between Julian Cox and club captain John Coley, who both scored 36 points with Julian winning on countback, and a steady 35 points put Brian Clark in 3rd.

Division Two belonged to Keith Chapell whose grafted 34 points was well ahead of Bob Shepherd (25) and Phil Banner (24) in 2nd and 3rd.

The Ladies' Greensomes defied the elements to allow Rosemary Dare & Felicity Horton to score an impressive 36 points to come first, beating Rosie Jackman & Emma Davies who came 2nd on countback from Corinne Jones & Mary Minter both scoring 33 points.

A view on the Bees - Bridport FC

WITH STUART BROOM

Confident Bees do the double over Terras

Bridport Reserves 2 Wymouth Reserves 0

Dorset Premier League Cup

WEYMOUTH Reserves manager Bradley Asagba was hoping his side could exact revenge over Bridport Reserves after being beaten in the league recently after which he praised Shaun Annett's side for their organisation.

However it wasn't to be as Bridport Reserves produced an even better performance to dump the Terras out of the Dorset Premier League Cup at St Mary's on Saturday.

Veteran assistant manager Simon Gale scored for the third game running, showing that even if he has lost some of his speed, he hasn't lost that goals coring knack for which he was reknowned by putting the Bees ahead early in the second half before new signing Kriss Radivosja scored within seven minutes of making his debut as a substitute.

The whole team from replacement keeper Jamie Fry throughout the team played well, with Annetts waxing lyrical particularly about his back four.

"It was an outstanding performance by everybody.

"I have been critical in the past about conceding sloppy goals, but I put our result down to the back four who are playing as well as I've seen them in the last three years. They're playing like a unit and providing a sound foundation for the rest of the team.

"Our two wide lads Robin Jones and Tom Blair were destroying their full backs and creating lots of chances, and if it wasn't for their keeper who was absolutely outstanding and made probably half a dozen really good saves, it could easily have been a lot more."

In fact the keeper, Adam Tong, sustained a cut nose from a boot as he made one of the saves, but despite all Bridport's possession, the sides went in goalless at halftime.

"We just lacked that bit of quality in the final ball at times," said Annetts.

With the breeze behind them after the break Bridport continued to attack and were rewarded on 55 minutes when Gale fired in a shot from a loose ball which Tong blocked but could not hold, and the predatory Gale moved in quickly to fire home the rebound.

Having taken the lead, Bridport seemed to sit back, a bad characteristic of theirs, and this allowed Weymouth to get back in the game, and for the next 15 minutes it was the Terras who dominated although Fry did not have a purposeful shot to save.

With Tristan Gale and Radivojsa replacing Tom Baker and Gale who had run themselves to a standstill, Bridport found second gear again.

A short corner routine was played into the box, the 17-year-old Radivosja, who signed from Dorchester U18s earlier in the week, was able to turn and fire home from six yards.

Another teenager Sol Davies, a product of Bridport Youth, came on for the final minutes.

Annetts concluded: "We thoroughly deserved to win, and could, and should, have scored more. We now need to turn these good cup performances into league points."

◆ **THANK YOU:** Bridport Under 9s football squad, under the guidance of manager Iain Hansford–Harvey, have been supplied with waterproof coats by sponsor Richard Gunning of Toller Trailers.

West Dorset Hawks Hockey

WITH STUART BROOM

One-sided result doesn't tell the whole story!

Bridgwater C 7 West Dorset A 1

DUE to a combination of injuries, Christmas shopping and other player unavailability, West Dorset A made their longest trip of the season to Bridgwater C with only eight players at the weekend.

With team manager Mike Harvey forced to play in goal due to the lack of players, this Davis league South East League Two fixture was clearly going to be a case of damage limitation against a team who were able to field a squad of thirteen.

From the start, Bridgwater forced the pace but it still took until the 7th minute before they took the lead following a short corner. For the next 10 minutes the visitors were constantly stretched at the back and struggled to cope defensively, conceding a further three goals.

To their credit, in Alamo like conditions, West Dorset heads did not drop and from the 20 minute mark onwards they adapted to the difficulty of the situation, keeping possession and defending better, whilst Mulberry Threlfall-Eyres caused the home defence a few problems.

Tasked with playing as a lone striker for the visitors, he provided a great outlet from defence and took the attack to the opposition, often taking on 2-3 defenders at a time.

West Dorset even managed to pull a goal back when Threlfall-Eyres slotted home at the second attempt after good link up play with Alex Drew.

The hosts only managed one more goal before half-time, again from a short corner to make the score 5-1 at the interval.

Despite the scoreline, the visitors were fairly upbeat at half-time having played well for the latter part of the first half.

Naturally the hosts continued to force the play at the start of the second half but the defensive line up of Matt Caton, Ollie Gargrave, Henry Middleton and Harvey in goal defended resolutely, continually frustrating their opponents.

It was testament to this dogged defending that Bridgwater could only score two more goals in the whole of the second half, with Rich Wilson, Kystian Dubass and Drew in midfield providing great cover for the defenders, and Threlfall-Eyres a very handy outlet in attack.

Skipper Middleton said: "Unfortunately we could only field eight players but every one of them can be very proud of the effort they put in today.

"We gave a good account of ourselves in the second half and battled really well, even managing to have controlled spells of possession and create a few attacks of our own."

Lyme Regis Sailing Club

Vander Borght at the double

AFTER two weeks when racing had to be cancelled due to gale force winds, Sunday's conditions were in direct contrast, force 1 to 2 and slight sea state and unseasonably warm air temperatures.

Fourteen dinghies took part and all but two completed both races, which were races Five and Six of the Winter series.

Race officer Colin Walters had to restart race Five due to failure of the timing clock.

Jeff Vander Brourght in his K1 worked his way up through the fleet to win, closely followed by Jerry Rook and Chet Gillespie, then Hugh Duncan and Hilton Davis both in K1s.

Youth member Max Helston sailed his Laser Radial admirably to gain 5th place, beating Dan Alsop into 6th.

But in race Six, with the wind settling to a steady force 2, Dave Stubbs was a close contender as Vander Brourght held first place again.

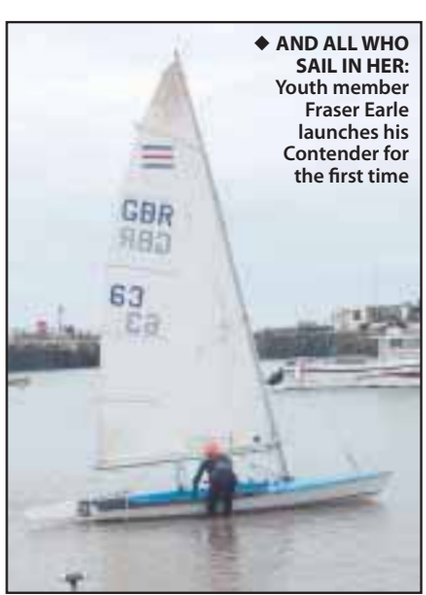
First time on the water was Fraser Earle in his new Contender, a single hander where the helm also trapezes.

He did well to finish both races as he familiarised himself with a challenging dinghy.

Results

Race Five; 1st Jeff Vander Borght (K1), 2nd Jerry Rook (Albacore), 3rd Hugh Duncan (K1).

Race Six; 1st Jeff Vander Borght, 2nd Dave Stubbs (RS 400), 3rd Hugh Duncan (K1).



◆ **AND ALL WHO SAIL IN HER:** Youth member Fraser Earle launches his Contender for the first time

Hawks take closer order

West Dorset Hawks 5 Yeovil & Sherborne A 2

ALTHOUGH this victory did not move the Hawks up the table, they remain eighth, they are only four points off third place, and considering they lost their first three games of the season, that means six victories from the last nine.

Unfortunately no details of Saturday's match was available at the time of going to press.

Alley Skittles

Lyme Regis

Men's Division One; Wreckers 237 Tornadoes 317 (+BL), Young Guns 364 v Skippy's Six 354 (BL Drawn), Marksmen 357 Rousdon Rebels 307 (+BL), No Hopers Clueless = Postponed (alley unavailable) to be rearranged by committee. (+BL) = Beer Leg winner

Men's Division Two Cawston Cup; Flyers 320 President's Men 323.

Mixed Pairs

The following are through to the Mixed Pairs Semi-Finals on Wednesday, March 23rd (**at the George**); G Bailey & L Dare, R Parsons and G Parsons, E Blackmore & T Mayers, P Forsey & K Trott, D McNally & J McNally, J West & T West. (**at Rousdon Club**); D Heath & R Bevis, L Taylor & M Williams, D Rickard & J Rickard, A Cross & A Rattenbury.

Ladies	Pld	Pts	BL
Wootton Wobblers	7	14	12
Generations	7	8	8
Wild Pins	6	8	6
Just Us	6	8	4
Hot Gossips	7	5	10
Smashers	7	5	6
Rollercoasters	7	4	4
La Crème	7	2	4

Mens Div One	Pld	Pts	BL
Rousdon Rebels	6	10	4
Wreckers	6	8	8
Marksmen	5	8	4
No Hopers	5	8	4
Young Guns	6	6	12
Anthill Mob	7	4	10
Clueless	7	4	6
Tornadoes	6	4	2
Skippy's Six	6	2	4

Mens Div Two	Pld	Pts	BL
Flyers	7	14	13
Alleytwits	7	10	7
Roadrunners	7	9	10
Trappers	7	9	9
Miscellaneous	6	4	4
President's Men	7	4	3
British Legion	6	2	4
Shakers	7	2	4

Bridport

Division A	Pd	Pts
Rejects	8	14
Shipfaced	7	12
Nelson Nobblers	8	10
Wanderers	6	9
Rockets	8	8
Lively Lads	8	6
Masters	7	6
Originals	8	6
Rough Eight	7	6
Denhay	7	5
Slingers	8	4
Outsiders	6	2

Division B	Pd	Pts
Broadoak	7	12
U know the Blokes	7	12
Dingbats	5	9
Countrymen	7	8
Miss the Ball	8	8
7" Clock	8	7
Castouts	7	4
Gerryatrics	6	4
NBC	7	4
The Dingles	6	4
Bangers	6	2

Division C	Pd	Pts
Aussies Lot	7	14
Bulldogs	7	10
Groundhogs	7	8
Strawpeedoes	8	8
Whisky Chasers	7	8
LHS	8	6
Mean Machine	7	6
Pinseekers	7	6
Pioneers	8	6
Survivors	7	6
Yo Yo's	8	6
Unknowns	7	4

Division D	Pd	Pts
AFAR	8	14
Brandy Snaps	8	14
Featherbeds	8	12
Stingers	8	11
Alleycats	7	10
Alcoholics	8	8
Let em Roll	7	8
Offcuts	8	7
Hidden Talent	8	5
Pinbashers	8	3
Tiger Lilies	8	2
Bad Girls	8	0

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INSIDE: Local sport round-up

Anniversary waltz for Terras

Weymouth 6 Slough Town 1
Evo-Stik Premier - att; 532

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WEYMOUTH celebrated two years under the tenure of manager Jason Matthews by walloping Slough Town for six at the Bob Lucas Stadium on Saturday.

It was exactly two years to the day that Matthews took over the reins of an ailing Terras, and although he had to sit out the game due to a foot injury, he watched his side produce a performance worthy of a celebration.

There was a shock beforehand with the news that skipper Stewart Yetton had been dropped to the bench, but this did not stop the Terras overpowering a Rebels side that were themselves in quite good form.

Although Weymouth had the first chance on goal which ended with Chris Shephard firing over the top, Matthews replacement, Andy Dawber on loan from Fulham was forced into action when having to punch a corner clear.

Then just before the half hour Weymouth struck with three goals in five minutes to effectively seal the win.

Dean Evans scored the first with a super 25 yard left foot shot that found the top corner after Ben Thomson had won the ball.

Thomson then added two more of his own, firstly bundling the ball home after Mark Cooper had neatly lobbed the outrushing Rebels keeper Mark Scott.

He then connected well with Shephard's cross for Weymouth's third.

Well in command at the break, they didn't take long to add a fourth after the restart as Shephard fired home from the edge of the box on 47 minutes.

Charlie Mpi almost pulled one back when Dawber tried to take a liberty by dribbling past the striker, but fortunately Calvin Brooks was on hand to clear.

Cooper was next to strike on 57 minutes. After linking up with Shephard he thumped his shot high into the top corner beyond a dejected Scott.

Substitute George Rigg fired home the sixth midway through the half as Weymouth totally dominated play.

For Slough things got worse when Kensley Mahoney was red carded for a foul on Rigg, but finally had something to cheer when Ed Smith scored a consolation with twelve minutes left.

However it was not enough to spoil the Terras party that sees them lie seventh in the Evo-Stik League Southern Premier Division.

They next entertain St Neots Town on Saturday, before two big local derbies against Dorchester on Boxing Day at the Bob Lucas, before travelling to Tatnam to take on Poole Town on January 2nd.

◆ **OUTSTANDING:** Ryan Purse of Budmouth Academy who won the individual Junior Boys title at the recent South West Dorset Schools Cross Country Championships pictured receiving his award from sponsor Ashley Chant of A P Chant (*see report on page 58*)

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